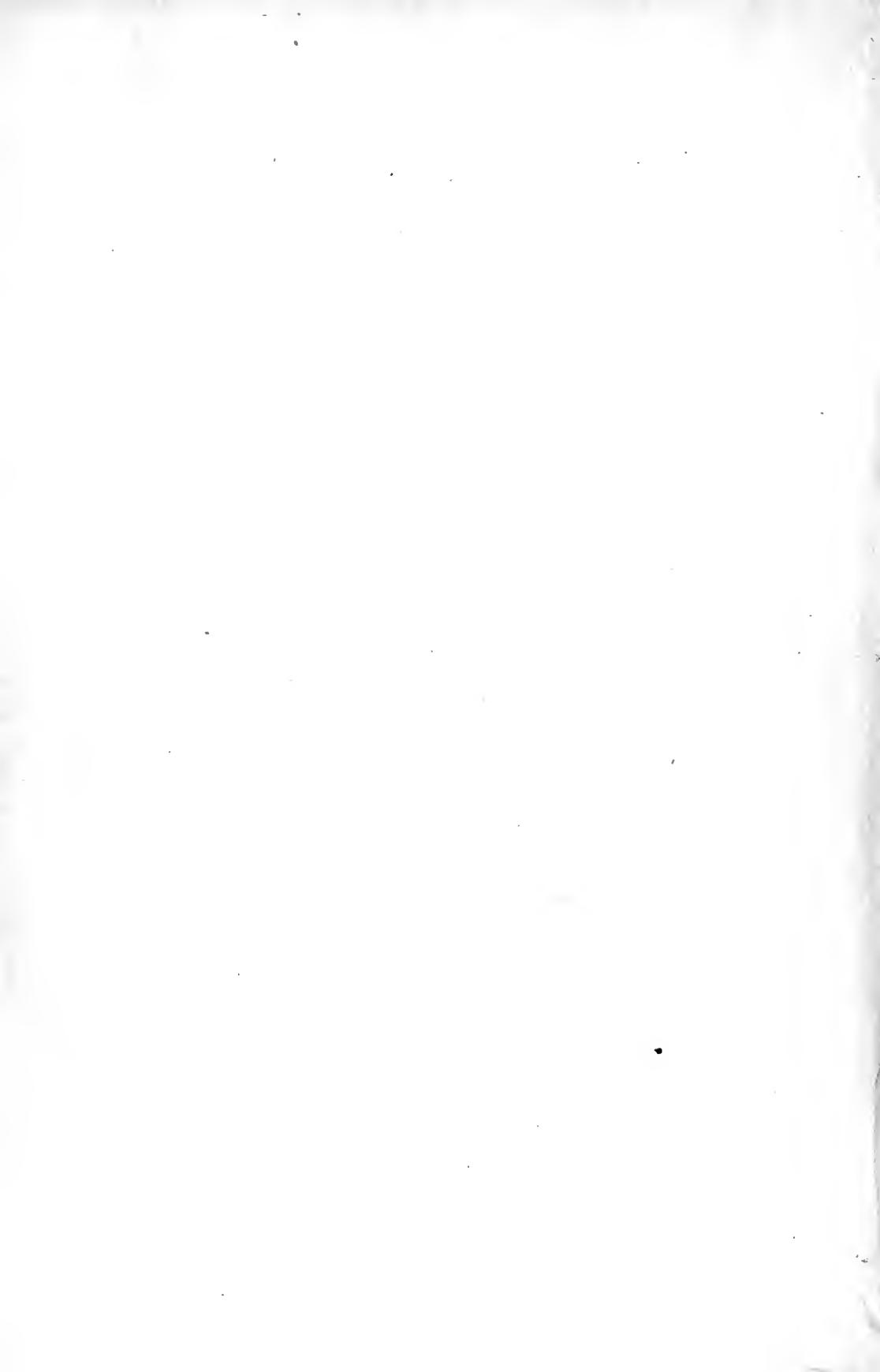


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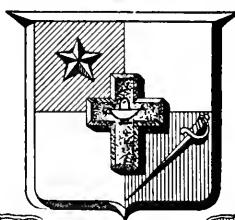
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## All-Sig Ep Football Team For 1924 Is Announced

*Editor's Note: Each year the All-Sig Ep Football Team is selected by some college football coach among our membership who is qualified by knowledge and experience to determine the fitness of players for our "All" team. The selection this year is made by Robert C. Russell, coach of football at York College, and a star of three years at the University of Nebraska during a period when that institution was producing some of the best of its teams. Having played at tackle, halfback and quarterback as well as a coach of considerable experience his selection will speak with authority.*

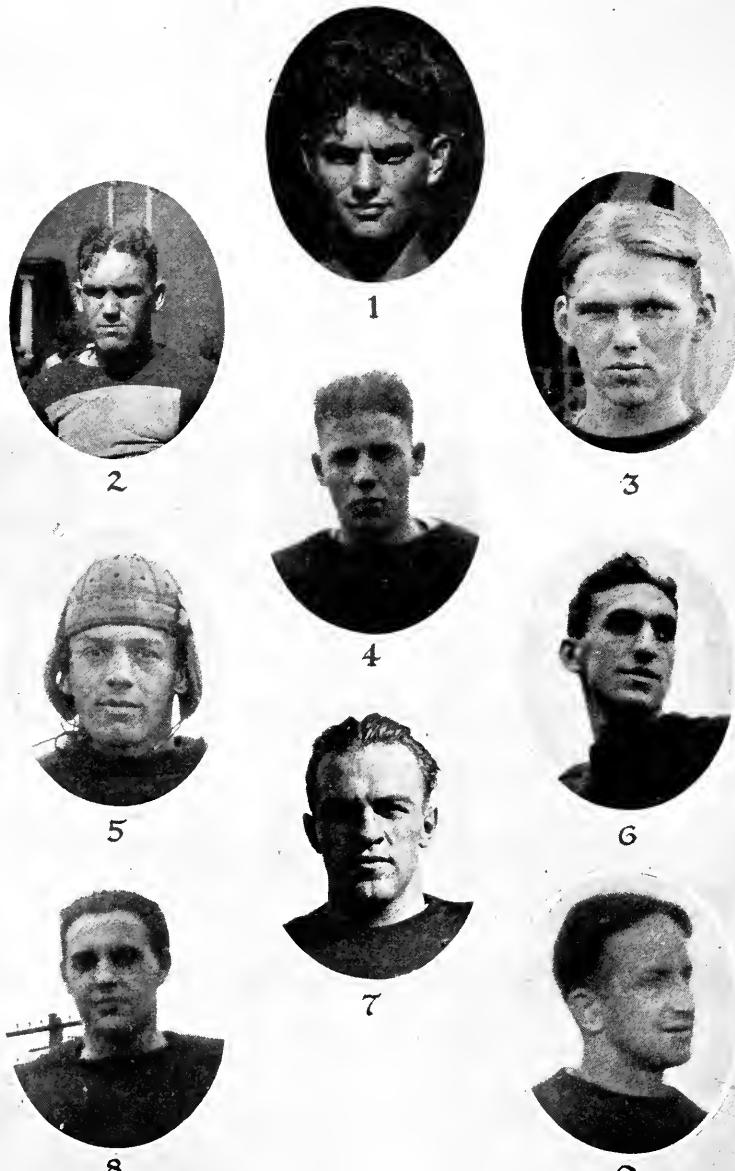
BY ROBERT C. RUSSELL, *Nebraska Alpha*



With his request to select an All-Sig Ep Football Team this year the Editor of the JOURNAL has pushed a job onto the writer that would tax the talents of even the renowned Walter Camp. I presume in all years it is difficult to weigh the relative merits of many players and one may always feel a bit of doubt whether in all cases he has rendered a just appraisal of the abilities of some of the bidders for a berth on our mythical team. That is unusually true this year for there are so many places in which there is no one outstanding star to whom the place may be assigned but a group of players all of high grade whose relative abilities it is most difficult to determine. Gone from the chapter and college rolls are the outstanding stars of other years whom one could pick with certainty and after selecting the first few men one is in a considerable quandry.

Among the eligibles for our team a few familiar faces loom up some of whom are personal friends while others are familiar through the medium of the press. The majority of the eligibles this year, however, are new timber and not a few of them from schools not generally reckoned with as being in the "big time" football company.

Of course, many a football player is playing, has played and will play on the teams of a smaller school who is or was capable of playing on any team in



### FIRST TEAM

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 GRAHAM, West Virginia, End          | 7 DERRY, Arkansas, Halfback                 |
| 2 BROWN, Tennessee, End.              | 8 WEGGENMAN, Delaware, Halfback             |
| 3 NICHOLS, Ohio State, Tackle         | 9 CROWLEY, Norwich, Fullback                |
| 4 MCKELVIE, Delaware, Tackle          | RICHERSON, Missouri, Guard (Not shown)      |
| 5 HOUSE, Pennsylvania, Guard          | SMITH, Missouri, Center (Capt.) (Not shown) |
| 6 LAFFERTY, Pennsylvania, Quarterback |   |

the country. Such a man is Derry, of Arkansas, the outstanding Sig Ep half-back of the year. But on the other hand, many a good football player warms the bench for a truly great team who could have been a dazzling star in slightly slower company. Such a man is known to the writer in Crites of Nebraska. All told, it is a difficult task to sift through the considerable list of candidates for the All-Sig Ep team and those who may be inclined to criticize my selection should remember that they themselves may be compelled to make such a selection at some time in the future and the task will not appear to be quite so easy. However, my coaching experience stands me in good stead and I can withstand anything in the line of criticism that may be heaped upon my head.

We shall start with the ends and here there is no doubt about the first selection. Graham of West Virginia could not be denied a place and probably could continue in the position on All-Sig Ep teams as long as he should play. He was a star on the last year's epoch-making team at West Virginia and this year captains the team that is making a splendid record in the east. That captaincy goes to show what his teammates think of him.

## First All-Sig Ep Selection

### ENDS

FRED H. GRAHAM, University of West Virginia  
FRED T. BROWN, University of Tennessee

### TACKLES

JOHN H. NICHOLS, Ohio State University  
WILLIAM MCKELVIE, University of Delaware

### GUARDS

DOW RICHERSON, Missouri University  
WILLIAM B. HOUSE, Pennsylvania State College

### CENTER

CLYDE W. SMITH, Missouri University, Captain

### QUARTERBACK

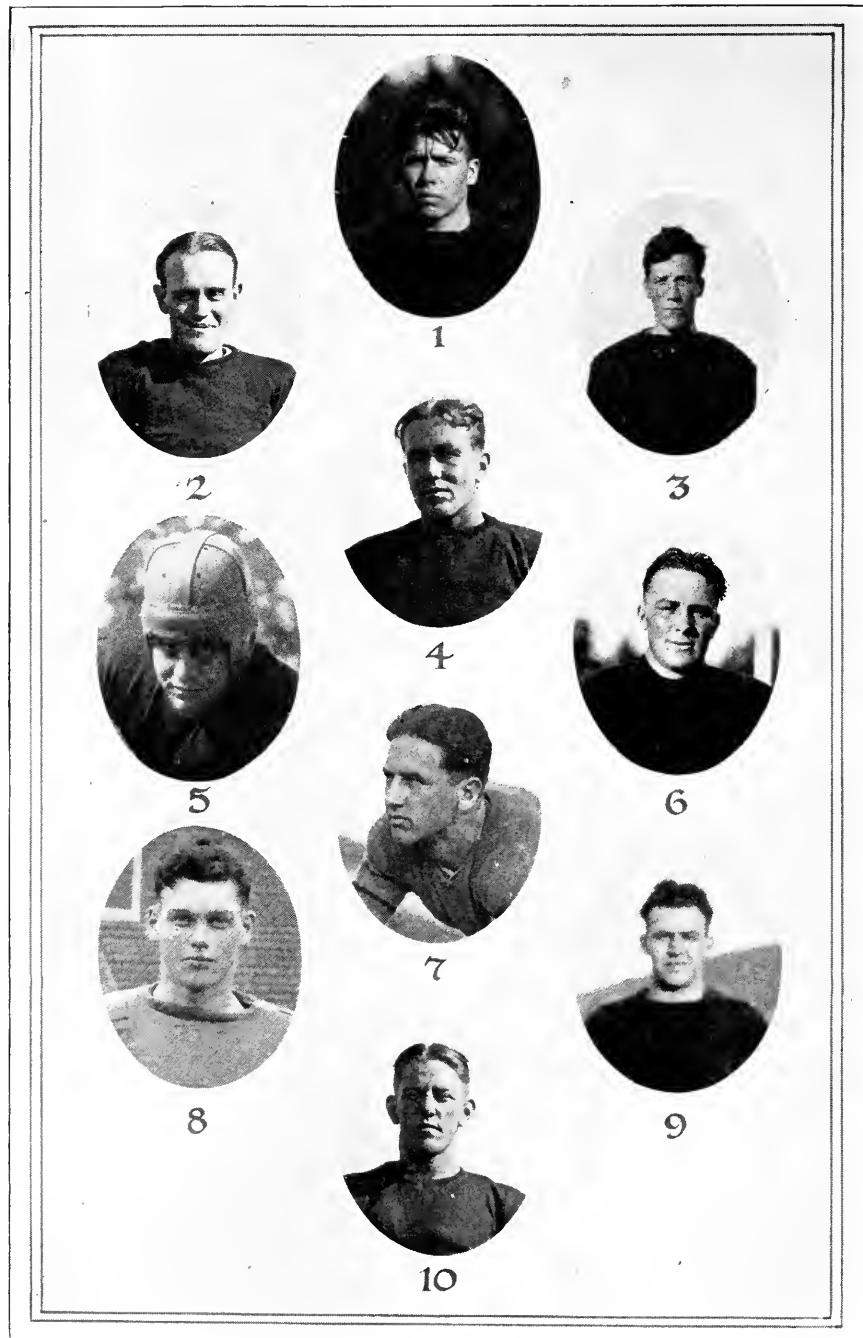
HARRY D. LAFFERTY, Pennsylvania State College

### HALFBACKS

LEE DERRY, Arkansas University  
EARL WEGGENMAN, University of Delaware

### FULLBACK

FRANK CROWLEY, Norwich University



### SECOND TEAM

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 KELLER, Wash. State, End (Captain) | 7 HAGERTY, Washington, Center          |
| 2 BERRY, Arkansas, End               | 8 GUTTORMSEN, Washington, Quarter-back |
| 3 KRAMER, Delaware, Tackle           | 9 O'BRIEN, Norwich, Halfback           |
| 4 BLACKBURN, Arkansas, Tackle        | 10 FUTRELL, Arkansas, Halfback         |
| 5 CLAPP, Minnesota, Guard            | MILLER, Denver, Fullback (Not shown)   |
| 6 AHLSKOG, Wash. State, Guard        |  |

The other end brings to the attention two outstanding men, among many others, in a fight for the position. These are Keller of Washington State and Brown of Tennessee. These men are each good ends and in placing Brown on the first team I am awarding Keller a place on the second team and the captaincy of that outfit. Brown is a little bigger and possibly faster than Keller and is noted as one of the best ends in the country in nabbing passes out of the air. He is a sure tackler and a good blocker. Keller is a very steady player and still has another year ahead of him. Keller's mate on the second team is Berry of Arkansas who is demanding a place on the All-Southwestern Conference selection by reason of his speed. Berry is playing his third year on the Arkansas team and is a speed demon on the cinder paths as well as in football togs. He is a good defensive end, adept at catching passes and a good, dependable, speedy player.

Nichols of Ohio State is the outstanding tackle of the year. He is a big, fast fellow and it is doubtful if he could be kept off of any team in the country this year. He gets his place without any quibble about it. McKelvie, captain of the Delaware team, seems to be entitled to second place. He is a strong

## Second All-Sig Ep Selection

### ENDS

CECIL KELLER, Washington State College, Captain  
HOMER L. BERRY, Arkansas University

### TACKLES

LEWIS KRAMER, University of Delaware  
CLIFFORD BLACKBURN, Arkansas University

### GUARDS

PERCY O. CLAPP, University of Minnesota  
EDWIN AHLSKOG, Washington State College

### CENTER

FRANK W. HAGERTY, University of Washington

### QUARTERBACK

GEORGE C. GUTTORMSEN, University of Washington

### HALFBACKS

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Norwich University  
BYRON FUTRELL, Arkansas University

### FULLBACK

JOHN MILLER, University of Denver

player and mobilizes his 194 of weight with a great deal of speed. He is playing his fourth year of football in a school and conference that will permit that. He is star of the Delaware line and would find himself a place on almost any team.

To the tackle positions on the second team are assigned Blackburn of Arkansas and Kramer of Delaware. The latter balances the other side of the line at Delaware from McKelvie and has earned himself the appreciation of grid critics throughout his section. Both Blackburn and Kramer are big men and fast and are splendid tacklers.

Now comes the guard positions—and the hardest job in which to make a selection for there is a wealth of good material among guards this year. We have four excellent guards in Richerson of Missouri, House of Pennsylvania State, Clapp of Minnesota and Ahlskog of Washington State. Richerson of Missouri is given first place, first, on his defensive ability. He is a 215 pound boy who stops them. He is also a great offensive man and the punter for his team. He has the advantage of playing on one of the best teams in the country—the team that beat Chicago and Illinois could not beat Chicago.

House of Pennsylvania State is given the other berth over my old friend Perc Clapp of Minnesota for the reason that House has been playing a bang up game all season while Clapp has just begun to find himself although he is rated as one of the best. They should both make enviable records before the season closes on teams which, by the way, are apparently evenly matched. Ahlskog of Washington State is the other guard. He is a big 195 pounder playing his second year and has merited the enthusiastic approval of coast critics.

To Clyde Smith of Missouri goes the award of the center position and with it the captaincy of the team. Smith was the captain of the successful Missouri team last year, his second on the team, and is playing this, his last, year the best game of his football career. He is the outstanding center of the middle west and should be a contender for any "All" team that might be picked.

As center of the second team Hagerty of the University of Washington is the selection over Crowe of Washington State due to the fact that Hagerty has been playing a fine game all season while Crowe got into the game late because of a conference eligibility question. Crowe is a big, 210-pound man whom we may look out for another year.

This completes the line and a glance over it shows a line of remarkable strength. There is tremendous weight there together with speed but, best of all, there is a lot of experience and football judgment—qualities that win games over all else. There isn't a coach in the country who wouldn't give anything within his power to secure a line of the quality that represents this year's All-Sig-Ep team and I can, I believe, say virtually the same thing of the second team line.

We come now to the backfield in which we find a great deal of good material although it is doubtful if the quality of the back field will rank with the quality of our line. The quarterback's job is a toss-up between Lafferty of Pennsylvania State and Guttormsen of the University of Washington. Both are good generals and open field runners. Both are regulars on high class

teams. I have selected Lafferty, I must confess, largely due to his being an older head—a veteran and a little more seasoned. But in so doing I can say to Guttormsen, "Keep coming. You've apparently got the stuff." Guttormsen is given the reins of the second team although Glann of Washington State and Gibson of Delaware are deserving of mention.

As I have heretofore stated, Derry of Arkansas is the outstanding halfback of this year. He is All-Southwestern material and a football player of high merit. He has been performing brilliantly this season and makes a strong man on our team. Weggenman of Delaware is placed in the other halfback position with Crowley of Norwich at fullback. Both of these men as well as Derry are veterans with plenty of experience. The entire back field is made up of triple threat men who are fast and have weight. All told they comprise a dangerous offensive crew while each is a good defensive man—and that is a combination that makes star players.

O'Brien, a Frenchman from Norwich, and Futrell of Arkansas are selected as halfbacks on the second team while Miller of Denver, the midget of either team but a speedster, is assigned to fullback on the second string. These three with Guttormsen at the helm make up a very speedy back field that is little less dangerous than the first back field.

Now, what kind of a team does this make up? What kind of football can our first team play and will it be an effective team? Well, there is tremendous power in that line that can open holes in almost any defense and there are men in the backfield with plugging power to ram the line. The two ends are particularly adept in receiving forward passes to say nothing of the beckfield. The back field is speedy and should do spectacular work in open field play as all have done in their individual teams.

On defense the line would discourage any offensive. With strong ends that will not be boxed and whose tackling is deadly, with big tackles who cannot be handled and tremendously powerful guards and then with Smith roving at center to size up plays and throw his lithe and ample proportions into the point of attack—this is an ideal combination. The secondary defense is ample to stop anything that gets past the line of scrimmage. Experience tells and there is a lot of it on this team. It is a team of which the fraternity may be proud. It is not the best All-Sig Ep team that has been produced, in my opinion, but it is good enough for all practical purposes and if assembled on one college gridiron it would be heralded as the sensation of the country. But, then, that is true of almost all mythical elevens that are selected.

This article would not be complete without mention of several, although not all, "border line" players who have not been included on the two teams selected and yet who are strong contenders and, it may be, fully as good men as those selected. There is, for example, Languth of Michigan who has played at both end and tackle on Yost's team although he has not yet been able to find himself a regular berth. There is Worcester of Norwich, a tackle, who is a strongly recommended man as is Seawell of North Carolina State and Stanley Young of Washington State, guards. Washington State also has another promising man in Dixon, a halfback, and in this same position there may be found Crites and Hecht of Nebraska who have not succeeded as yet in displacing a regular on their team. Any of these men are more-than-average players and yet upon the data in the writer's possession do not seem to be quite entitled to a place on the teams so closely within their reach.



MR. AND MRS. A. P. DIPPOLD AND  
THEIR SON "CHUCKIE"

# He Worked One Whole Year For \$2.50 A Week

A biographical sketch of one of our foremost members, Albert P. Dippold, New York Beta, whose guiding principles might serve well to guide other brothers who may be starting their life's work.

By EVANS E. PLUMMER  
Indiana Alpha, 1921

N 1908 an honor scholar was graduated from Crane Technical high school, Chicago. His aim was to become an architect. He wanted to study architecture in the university, but first, he decided, it would be best to learn everything he could in an architect's office so that he would know, once in college, just what an architect should study and learn.

Sound reasoning for a lad of but nineteen years!

His logic came into play again when he began to look for a job in an architect's office.

"Several men offered me from five to ten dollars a week," he narrates, "and another offered me a place in his office if I agreed to to work six months without salary.

"I decided that an architect who was willing to pay me a salary would expect to get something in return from me, and that I would be put at work tracing or doing similar routine work; that the architect who wanted me to work six months for nothing would

not be out any money for what little work I might accomplish.

"Besides if not paid a salary, I would have freer reign in the office and could pick out whatever phase of the work I wished to learn more about."

He chose to work for the architect who offered him a no-pay position.

The man, then a boy, about whom you have been reading, is Albert P. Dippold, New York Beta, '14, Grand Marshal 1921-23 and elected Grand Vice-President at the last Conclave. At Cornell he was secretary of New York Beta chapter. At Chicago he has been president of the alumni chapter and now serves as director. His enviable progress at establishing a successful architectural practice is

## DIPPOLD APHORISMS

*"Don't seek the position which pays the highest salary, but rather the one where you will have the opportunity of getting the most experience. The sacrifice in salary will be repaid to you many times if you take advantage of the situation."*

*"Make your client feel that you are working for his interests before your own remuneration is considered. Your clients will have more respect for you and your success is bound to come."*

*"Don't be a grind at your work — find time for pleasure. Be a good mixer, but don't overdo it."*

*"Don't solicit business at a social function. Don't give a new acquaintance the impression that all you want to get better acquainted for is to get some business. Clients will come to you if you have a good reputation and show a successful practice."*

amazing. But to go on with the story:

"**I** BEGAN to work for the architect who was to pay me nothing for six months," Mr. Dippold continues. "My expectations were realized. I traced, tried making floor plans and

designing elevations, worked on specifications, filed papers, inspected buildings under construction and did a multitude of other things. In fact my employer permitted me to work at anything I chose—and why not? I wasn't costing him a cent, and whatever worthwhile work I accomplished put him just that much ahead. We were both mutually benefited.

"On the other hand, had I accepted the \$10 a week position in the other office, I probably would have traced drawings for at least a year or more, learned very little of value and meantime got into a rut."

When Mr. Dippold had completed his first six months of service, his employer offered to pay him \$10.00 a week. He refused to take \$10.00 but compromised on \$5.00 providing that he was to continue as he had been doing. A new agreement was made which payed Mr. Dippold the handsome sum of \$5.00 every week for the next six months.

Imagine most modern day youths arguing with their bosses not to increase their salaries. Then imagine telling the boss that half the raise would be plenty—thanks!

Mr. Dippold's first year in an architect's office had taught him much. His remuneration financially had been but \$130, an average of \$2.50 a week, but in experience his year was invaluable to his future.

He learned to take complete charge

of drawings for a small ordinary building, write specifications, superintend buildings, prepare contracts, issue certificates and much else.

His employer and himself were both surprised at the beneficial results each had gained by their mutual agreement. His employer said he never in all his practice had had so much work done for him in one year for the negligible sum of \$130. And Mr. Dippold countered with the belief that he never would have learned as much in ten years of work had he accepted the position in the other office which would have paid him \$10 a week.

#### DIPPOLD APHORISMS

*"Make your client feel that the smallest kind of service you perform for him—even though you don't make any 'big money' out of it—is just as much appreciated as if he wanted you to build a skyscraper for him. Your consideration for his small jobs when he is a man of small means will lead to your handling of his larger projects as he grows."*

*"Never turn down a small job by making an excuse that you are too busy. Your client will never forgive you, and when he has a project you would like to handle, he will conveniently find another architect who is not 'too busy.'*

*"Don't be forever after your clients trying to force them to build, giving them the impression it is yourself, and not themselves, you are looking out for."*

*"The Golden Rule is the best way to measure one's business."*

**W**HAT was most valuable was the perspective he obtained of architecture—his chosen career. He learned that only the business and practical sides of the profession were to be learned in an office, and consequently, that he would need to attend college for the theoretical—a study of mechanics and real designing.

"I continued in the same office until August, 1910 when my salary had reached its peak of \$20 a week," relates Mr. Dippold. "In the meantime I read over the various bulletins and catalogues of the architectural departments from many colleges and universities, and after interviewing several architectural graduates, I matriculated at Cornell University in the fall of 1910."

As a result of his two years of

practical experience, the Dean gave him permission to take additional subjects to the prescribed course in architecture, with advance credits for the work he had accomplished already in practical work.

He took several extra studies, including a course in law, landscape gardening and several foreign languages.

"This allowed me," says Mr. Dippold, "to obtain much more from my four years at Cornell than most fellows, because I had so much extra time in which to concentrate on subjects unavailable in an office, the while they of necessity were studying subjects they too might have avoided had they been willing to work a year for \$130 before matriculating."

Albert Dippold at 35 years of age is in the prime of his life. He has a valuable architectural practice, social connections many have sought for years to buy, a host of well-wishing friends, and a wife and boy worth more than all the rest added together. His experience after graduation forms another link of this story which will be read with interest by undergraduates, younger alumni and older alumni as well.

But first let us sketch over the early influences on his life, and his activities before and while at the university.

**F**IRST of all he is a native born Chicagoan, one of the few one meets in this great metropolis. He was born April 4, 1889 in Hyde Park, Chicago, and began his career when first able to walk. When he was but two years of age, his father, Charles F. Dippold, now a retired building contractor, took the future architect around to buildings under construction.

Here he had the advantage of learning, after school hours, the practical side of building construction by helping his father to estimate and assisting in the superintending of various contracts.

In 1904 he was graduated from grammar school at the head of his class, receiving the Foster diploma for excellence in scholarship and prizes for his attendance, manual training and knowledge of foreign languages. But he wasn't one-sided. His athletic ability earned him a place on the baseball team.

In 1908 he repeated when he was graduated from Crane Technical high school with the highest scholarship averages in the technical studies. Here he was manager of the school publication, the baseball team and the basketball team.

Then came his decision to work in an architect's office before attending college.

At Cornell he found time to manage the Lacrosse team, which in-



Dippold's first evidence of architectural talent, made when he was fourteen years old.

cidentally won the intercollegiate championship, manage the Cornell Era magazine and serve on enough college committees to make their listing here impossible. In June, 1914, Mr. Dippold was graduated from Cornell. He returned to Chicago.

"I was undecided at first whether I should work for someone else or try my wings by starting in business for myself," says Mr. Dippold. "I felt confident that I had learned enough to start for myself, so took the three-day examination required by the state of Illinois before one may become a licensed architect, able to practice in this state."

He passed the examination and established an office. His first job was for a widow who wanted to build an apartment building. She was anxious to build and had plenty of money to go ahead, but he told her the lot was not desirable for such a building and advised her not to build; that the project would not be a paying proposition for her.

**I**T WAS hard," he says, "to turn down a \$30,000 building which would have yielded me a commission of \$1,500. But she finally agreed with me and asked what my charge was for the advice.

"'Five dollars,' I told her. She paid me with a five dollar bill—the first fee that I had earned after obtaining my license. I put that bill away in a safety deposit vault and have it to this day. I kept it for two reasons. One, of course, was its sentimental value to me, and the other was more underlying. It was the foundation of a policy I have adhered to ever since—to look out for my client's financial interests first, before I consider my own remuneration.

"Eventually, this policy has always proved more profitable to me than if I were to do otherwise."

His next job was an apartment

building to cost \$18,000. He agreed with his client that the project was a good investment from every angle possible to consider, and the latter asked what Mr. Dippold would charge for complete services.

"I told him five per cent, or \$900," he recounts.

The client said he could get it done for three and one-half per cent.

"I said," continues Mr. Dippold, "'Perhaps you can. In fact I can do it for three and one-half per cent too, but my work then will be three and one-half per cent service and not what I will give for five per cent. You will get only what you pay for in the long run.'

"The outcome was that he signed a contract with me for five per cent," Mr. Dippold concludes.

One job led to another until he has what may be considered as a very successful practice. Among the clients for whom he has erected buildings are several banks, telephone and automobile companies. As a sideline, he builds and sells buildings on his own account. His practice is far-reaching and includes almost every type of building.

He is also retained by the City of Chicago and several banks for expert real estate appraisal services. During the world war, Mr. Dippold was named as architect of the Winslow U. S. munitions plant and other buildings.

**B**UT of all his building construction projects and related works he has accomplished, there is one of which he is most proud. It is a cathedral, built by him when he was but fourteen years old and still in grammar school.

The cathedral is several feet high and consists of several hundred small pieces of wood scrolled out with a tiny hand saw and then assembled into a cathedral clock. In the case is contained an eight-day works which every

half hour opens a pair of doors from which moves a trumpeter on horseback while a music box within plays a patriotic tune and a bell in the belfry tolls the hour. The cathedral clock represents over a year's work on the part of Mr. Dippold when he was a boy in knee trousers.

His home life can be described in one word—perfect! He was married August 9, 1916, to Frances Salisbury, daughter of H. H. Salisbury, vice-president of the W. H. Salisbury Rubber and Leather Company, Chicago. A future Sig Ep, Charles, is now four years old. While "Albert" keeps a hospitable office in the South Side Trust and Savings Bank building, it is difficult to beat the hospitality Mr. and Mrs. Dippold show their friends at 5132 Cornell avenue.

The author of this biography, curious to know more about "Albert," as his wife calls him, approached her on the chief subject of this article.

"How did he propose to you?" he asked.

"I don't know really how it all hap-

pened," Mrs. Dippold replied. "He had called on me two times before. When he 'popped' the question on the night of his third call, I was simply taken off my feet! Being very practical, my first question after recovering from the shock was:

"Have you got enough money to get married?"

"After we had done a little figuring, that was all there was to it," Mrs. Dippold, one of the most popular sister members of the Chicago alumni chapter, concluded.

A biography of Mr. Dippold's life would be incomplete without listing of the many organizations with which he is now associated. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Illinois Society of Architects, Kiwanis International, Lions International, Kenwood Club, North Shore Club, Hyde Park Men's Club, Chow and Caper Club, and the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. He is not alone actively interested in all, but an officer in several of the organizations.



A. P. DIPPOLD "IN ACTION" IN HIS OFFICE

# Cherry Dodge, Massachusetts Alpha, Citizen, Soldier and Sig Ep

BY LEONARD H. NASON, *Vermont Alpha*



ERY few biographies that I have seen have been written in the first person. Perhaps this is because the writer fears he may share the interest of the biography with the person about whom he is writing. Well, I have no fear of any such thing. I am going to write about Cherry Dodge and he has interest enough for several biographers. The main reason that I am injecting myself into the subject is to relate the very strange and unusual manner in which Cherry Dodge's existence has been linked to mine.

Major Albert W. Dodge, Massachusetts Alpha, was born on March 18, 1891. Some years later, when he was about six years of age, he was playing in the orchard of one Dr. C. S. Millet in East Bridgewater. He was playing a game that consisted of throwing a stick through an apple tree. Any apples that accidentally became detached by the stick were eaten by the player, to save them from rotting on the ground and thus forming a breeding place for harmful insects. The interesting part of this is that Dr. Millet was to become my father-in-law, although he did not know it, the particular daughter that was to become my wife not being born until two years later. So then, when the game was become interesting, my father-in-law's dog took a hand, and rushing into the orchard, bit the future Cherry upon a particularly cherubic spot. The young

Albert gave voice, my father-in-law to be hastened to his assistance, and beating the dog, gave the boy an apple, or else beat the boy and gave the dog the apple. As to just which, history is silent.

During the next twenty years, Albert, the future Cherry, graduated from Beverly High School in three years, and equipped with plenty of courage but little money, entered Massachusetts Agricultural College. This in 1908. It is a tough job to work one's way through college in these days. Formerly few went to college but sons of wealth, but that day is past, and now there are more men trying to work their way through than there is work for. This condition was but little better in 1908. There were dishes to wash, however,



MAJOR ALBERT W. DODGE  
MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

and Cherry washed them. There was a trolley line that left Amherst on the hour, occasionally, with every intention of going to Cushman, a neighboring town. The future major, A. E. F. worked the front end on this line. It was real work, too. The car jumped the track, and had to be put on. Its innards got out of whack, and had to be cured, cows blocked the track, and cows of the male gender attacked the car. It was the motorman's task to shew these beasts away, and Cherry—he had become Cherry now—as motorman, had to descend and give battle to those that disputed the right of way with the prototype of the Toonerville trolley.

It would be glory enough to say that a man put himself through college by such means and graduated. A man that earns his tuition, money, clothes, and board, and manages to pass in his studies has enough to do, without going in for athletics or society. Cherry Dodge, however, played varsity football, managed an inter-collegiate rifle team, edited the *Aegis*, the college year book, was business manager and editor of the college paper, the *Collegian*, and went out for baseball, basketball and track. Furthermore he stayed out until the second or third cut on the squad. His sophomore year he founded Sigma Tau Delta, a local fraternity, which became the Massachusetts Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon three years later, with Cherry, now Brother Dodge, as its first president.

After graduation, he went into the New Hampshire woods to get some first hand dope on his chosen life work, forestry. He was married in 1913.

In April of 1917, Brother Dodge resigned his position as Park Commissioner of Wenham, and went to Plattsburg. Here his life history again collides with mine. I hung my feet over the edge of an upper bunk one day, and was thus greeted from the man in the lower bunk, who sat on the edge thereof writing:

"Hey!" said he, "what the hell do you think my head is, a foot stool?" He who thus profanely inquired was the future Major Dodge, and he and I stuck around together in the same squad, killing dummies at practice (there were some in the company we wanted to kill too), learning to send messages with flags and similar useless stuff, until I was requested to take my military talents elsewhere. Cherry meanwhile, was commissioned a first lieutenant of the 302nd Infantry, went overseas, and went to the front with the 77th division, going through the Argonne battle in command of H company of the 305th Infantry. At the conclusion of the campaign he received his major's commission.

At present Major Dodge is New England manager for the F. A. Bartlett Tree Company and he lives in Wenham. He is secretary of the Boston Alumni Association, an organization which he founded; he is president and treasurer of the Massachusetts Alpha Corporation, which oversees the running of the chapter at M. A. C., and commander of the American Legion in his town. I know of no one who is a better citizen, a better soldier, or a better Sig Ep than Cherry Dodge and a man who is such a glutton for work as he is bound to make a big deep mark in the world.

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Slim—"Do you know that girl?"

Jim—"No, but her face sounds familiar."—*Ohio Sun Dial*.

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# Frank Exposure Of Minnesota Alpha's Own John J. Craig

BY LLEWELLYN PFANKUSKEN, Minnesota Alpha



ENTLEMEN: This is to introduce John J. (Pooh Bah) Craig, of Minnesota Alpha. He is justly renowned as the World's Champion Fraternity Alumnus. When last seen, the only offices he was holding for the moment were the presidency of the Minnesota Alpha Alumni Association, the treasurership of the same, and the alumni managership of the "Pogop," Minnesota Alpha active chapter, but he probably has acquired numerous others since then. John is the originator of the expression, "He smote the rock of fraternity resources, and abundant streams of revenue gushed forth; he touched the dead corpse of the chapter's credit, and it sprang upon its feet." It Dawes is elected to the Vice Presidency, John will assuredly be the next director of the budget, for his favorite occupation is to mount the forbidding figures of the financial plan, wave wildly in air the mutilated remains of a receipt book, and exclaim in feverish tones, "They shall not pass."

It is indeed strange how Providence builds the man simultaneously with the opportunity, and then, after separate development for many years, brings them together. Such was the case with John J. Craig. From the very moment of his birth, it became apparent that he was destined to be another Hamilton. The influences that played about him were the influences that make financiers. When first he saw the light of day, on December 30, 1894, the nation was in the throes of financial upheaval, to be consummated two years later; and the season of the year was that of depleted family resource and paternal irritation.

Into this atmosphere was John Craig born, in Woodstock, Minnesota. His early childhood was uneventful, except for the fact that he became known as one whom it was unwise to deal with; for it is recorded that, of a July morning which he had begun with a whistle and a shingle nail, he came home with three horses and a cow. At the tender age of eighteen, John, with his family, moved to Minneapolis, where John was to enter the School of Mines of the University of Minnesota. Here he demonstrated his singular proclivi-



JOHN J. CRAIG  
MINNESOTA ALPHA

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ties by being pledged to Chi Rho Theta, which later petitioned Sigma Phi Epsilon and became Minnesota Alpha.

John has never been known to miss out on a good thing. In 1916, when he graduated, he grabbed off his share of the commencement jewelry; for having retained his fraternity pin against constant attacks during his college career, he now added to it the key of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity.

He was now cast out on an innocent world with his E. M. degree. He was immediately attracted to the Cuyuna Iron Range of Minnesota, probably lured there by the possibility of mining iron men; but in 1917 the copper fields of Arizona called and our hero departed thither to make his fortune. He became a mining engineer underground for the United Verde Copper Company at Jerome, Arizona, and engaged himself in blasting pennies from the reluctant granite.

Then came the war, and for that period, John became a first lieutenant in the Engineers. He served for two years, ten months of which were overseas in the 311th Engineers, 86th Division. When Johnny came marching home, he was promptly offered a job as instructor in mathematics in the College of Engineering at the university from which he graduated. I shall let the nature of the position speak for itself, only remarking in passing that it was a position for which he was by nature singularly fitted. He stayed here for two years, when, after a wild scramble of most of the departments of the university to obtain his valuable services, he became a metallurgist at the Mines Experiment Station, which has been his official position ever since. His present job is experimentation with low grade iron ores of the Minnesota ranges, in an effort to make them yield more dollars.

So much for our hero's life. It is a story of honors won and sought. But the principal claim of John to fame (unintentional, I assure you) is his marvelous building up of the finances of the Minnesota Alpha chapter. Several years ago the finances of that chapter were on what are vulgarly known as the "rocks." The brothers would come into the house to find the butcher sitting upon the sofa with a dignified but determined air, and the grocers' "please remits" filling the receptacle intended for mail, while the iron strong box upstairs occupied itself with wailing softly, "It might have been." Such, dear reader, was the scene upon the entrance of our hero. Under his arm behold a Card Index. Grasped firmly in his hand we see a Ledger. Bulging from his pocket we see the handle of the budget. Clenched doggedly between his teeth are a dozen multi-colored Forms. In mellow tones he speaks. "There is no god but System," says he, "and John Craig is his profit."

Since then, years have rolled by. Under the system of alumni management, fostered and directed by John Craig, Minnesota Alpha has entered upon a period of prosperity the like of which she has never known. Bills are paid promptly. The yearly deficit and the yearly assessment therefor have been replaced by a yearly profit and a Building Fund. The bitter clashes about things financial have been removed and their place has been taken by a fraternity loyalty unknown in former periods of strife. Minnesota Alpha was a victim of the strife engendered by bad financial management; John Craig was farsighted enough and loyal enough to attempt to remove the cause. His credit is the greater, because, as an alumnus, he need not have bothered

himself, had he not cared, about the affairs of the active chapter; but remembering the greater meaning of his fraternity obligation he gave freely of his time and effort to build Minnesota Alpha on a firm foundation.

Those who attended the last alumni-active banquet at Minnesota Alpha know that he has succeeded. In the chapter house today you may see over the mantle a plan for our new home—a plan that is not a vision merely, but has behind it the reputation of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the soundest fraternity financially on the campus at Minnesota, and a goodly sum of money in the bank, a plan that probably will take shape in brick and mortar opposite the new Minnesota Stadium in 1925. That plan was possible, and the house only will be possible because of John Craig. Sometimes I think of a party at the new house, and imagine John among the merry figures; and when I do, another scene is suggested to my mind. It is different; it is the nave of Westminster Abbey. In one corner, there is a tablet to Sir Christopher Wren, its architect. "Reader," it is inscribed, "if you would behold his monument, look about you."

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## Interfraternity Conference Will Meet November 28 and 29



THE annual meeting of the Interfraternity Conference has been announced for November 28th and 29th in a bulletin just issued by Peter Vischer, Chairman of the Committee on Publicity of the Interfraternity Conference. Plans for the meeting which will be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel are now in the hands of committee appointed for that purpose.

As usual most of the work will be handled by the elaborate system of committees which, meeting in advance, get the work in shape for presentation to the Conference as a whole. A general luncheon for fraternity delegates with dinners for editors and secretaries will again be held and there will be important allied meetings such as the Conference of Local Fraternities and a Conference of Undergraduate Interfraternity Representatives. Out of the Conference of Local Fraternities last year was born the new fraternity Phi Kappa Pi which has become a healthy and flourishing organization of considerable strength.

Delegates of Sigma Phi Epsilon to the Interfraternity Conference are to be determined at a meeting of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee in Chicago, October 15th ad 16th. Grand Secretary Phillips will be one of the three chosen as that has been his yearly task for some fifteen years. The delegates last year were the present Grand President, Grand Secretary and Grand Historian. Brother Phillips for several years has served on the nominating committee of the Conference to which is allotted the task of choosing each year's officers.

# Dr. U. G. Dubach Becomes Dean Of Men At O. A. C.

By VERNON PAYNE, *Oregon Alpha*



LIMBING closer to the highest step on the ladder of achievement and setting a remarkable example for all members of Sigma Phi Epsilon, is the record of Dr. U. G. Dubach of Oregon Alpha. His latest recognition was in being appointed dean of men at Oregon Agricultural College—a position created for the first time this fall. It was the expressed desire of the administration of the college to engage the best man possible for the position. After scouting the country for more than three years and after considering applications from educators in the leading universities of the country, the president of the college and the board of regents selected Dr. Dubach for the new position. He was formerly engaged by the college as head of the department of political science. He was also chairman of the board of control, an executive committee.

As the pioneer in blazing the trail for a dean of men among the 2,500 students on the campus Dean Dubach has gained the admiration of the entire college community. It is to Dean Dubach that all men students present their problems, consequently, in this new position he has won respect that overshadows any other official at the college except the president.

Dean Dubach is also a pioneer in Sigma Phi Epsilon as he is the first charter member of Oregon Alpha. the organization for a period of ten years. He is regarded by the active members of the chapter as the cornerstone of the fraternity. It is largely through his guidance and counsel that Oregon Alpha has maintained a high standing at the college. Particularly toward scholarship and clean living has he directed his attention in the fraternity. Fraternity recognition, in the national circle, was given Dean Dubach when he was appointed chairman of the national scholarship committee of Sigma Phi Epsilon by Grand President Eastman.

His achievements have not only been confined to the college but have stretched over the entire northwest. Up until two years ago he was president of the Pacific Coast-Northwest Intercollegiate Athletic conference. During the time he was in the executive chair, the conference successfully passed through several critical periods.



DR. U. G. DUBACH  
OREGON ALPHA

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# Wilbur Owen Sypherd, Delaware Alpha's Guardian Angel

By B. BENSON SMITH, *Delaware Alpha*



N the year when the United States troops in the south were withdrawn and Rutherford B. Hayes was inaugurated president, Wilbur Owen Sypherd was born in the County of Cecil in Maryland. Owen was a very human, typical boy, and for that reason we are going to jump over his boyhood days and recall the days of his youth and manhood which have been spent for the most part in the humble little town of Newark, Delaware, and in connection with Delaware Alpha and the University of Delaware.

W. Owen Sypherd entered Delaware College when he was sixteen years of age. He received a B.A. degree after three years of studious application which won for him the honor of membership in Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic fraternity. In the same year he accepted the chair of principal in the high school at Fort Penn, Delaware, where he remained for two years. While educating others, he became further engrossed in the problem of seeking education for himself and, entering the junior class at the University of Pennsylvania in 1898, he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of B.S. He received his M.A. degree at that university in 1901. The "Master" then acted upon the advice of Horace Greeley to "go west" and became instructor of English at the University of Wisconsin in September, 1901. After spending two years in the "Badger State" he came east to the "Bay State" and remained two years at Harvard where he received his Ph.D degree in 1906.

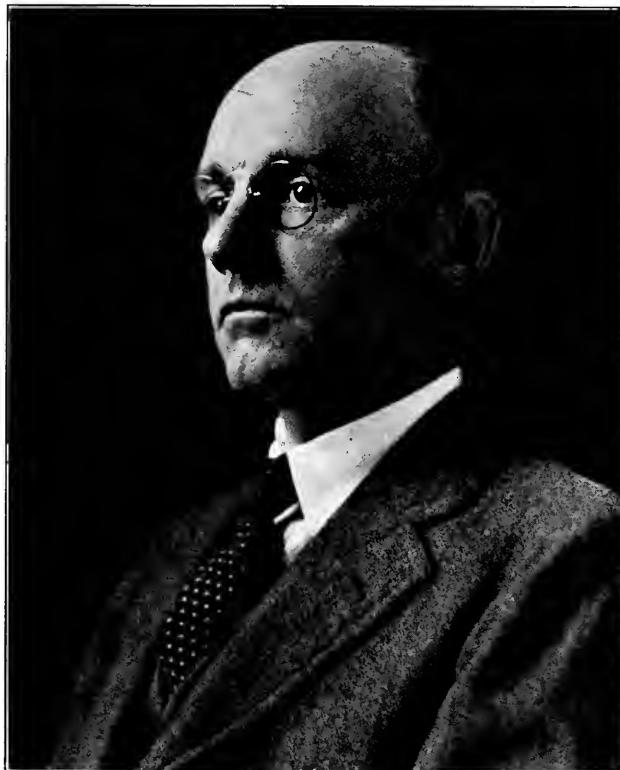
"In hoc statu" he returned to Delaware College "aut vincere aut mori" and since that time has become the "facile princeps" of the department of English, a position which he is capable of holding "ad finem."

It was at this time that he was initiated into membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon. He has served actively in the affairs of the fraternity ever since. At the present time he is secretary and treasurer of the board of directors of Delaware Alpha, and secretary of the alumni association of the chapter.

Delaware was a small college in 1906. Dr. Sypherd taught English, history and political science to some one hundred and fifty students with the help of one assistant. He later had one full time instructor to help him with the English classes. In 1911 the English department was segregated from the history and political science departments. Delaware has now grown to be a university and Dr. Sypherd has five instructors under his supervision in the English department.

The teaching profession gives its followers three months leisure in the summer. Dr. Sypherd does not prefer the life of leisure. He has spent two summers teaching at the University of Delaware Summer School, taught English at New York University in 1910, and gave special lectures on the Bible at the University of California Summer School in 1922.

Not only has his time been devoted to teaching in the regular and summer school sessions at colleges and universities, but he has also devoted a great deal of his time to writing. Among his works are: "Studies in Chaucer's House of Fame," 1897; philological articles in "Modern Language Notes" and "Modern Philology," 1896-1900; "Handbook of English for Engineers," 1913; "English Composition for College Freshmen" (co-author), 1915; "Bibliography on English for Engineers," 1906; "The English Bible," 1921; Revised edition of "The English Bible," 1923; and the "Place of the Book of Luke in Literature" appearing in "Shelling's Anniversary Papers" in 1923.



DR. W. OWEN SYPHERD  
DELAWARE ALPHA

His most significant works are "Handbook of English for Engineers" and "The English Bible." The handbook is designed primarily to meet the needs of advanced engineering students and of young engineers in actual practice. Its completeness and conciseness have given it wide popularity. It gives graduates in engineering the essential equipment to do the technical writing that is required of them in the engineering world. "The English Bible" was written "to make some of the best parts of a great old book more readable and more understandable to the modern reader." The author has prepared a most interesting introduction to the book in which he gives the history of

the versions of the Bible, its contents and a short sketch on the Bible as literature.

At the present time Dr. Sypherd is working on a revision of the "Handbook for Engineers" and expects to have it completed in the spring of 1925. He is also preparing a book on "The Study of the Sources and of the Influences in Literature of the Biblical Story of Jephthah and his daughter."

Dr. Sypherd is a sportsman at heart. He is president of the Athletic Association at the University of Delaware. He has done much to promote and is continuing to advance the athletic standing of the University. Golf is his hobby. He is a member of the Wilmington Delaware Country Club and the Newark Country Club. He holds the championship at the Newark links. He is a member of the Modern Language Association of America, the Society of Promotion of English Education, the College Conference on English, the University Club of Philadelphia and the Harvard Club of Delaware.

"Doc Sy," as the boys of Delaware Alpha speak of him, is a man who is educated all over; whose nerves are brought to their acutest sensibility; whose brain is cultured, keen, incisive, broad; whose hands are deft; whose eyes are alert, sensitive, microscopic; whose heart is tender, magnanimous, true—an "honest to goodness" college professor, man's man and Sig Ep.

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## Colorado Alpha Boasts Of Large Collection Of Trophies

Visitors at the home of Colorado Alpha have usually mentioned as a distinctive feature of that chapter the unusual collection of college trophies possessed by the chapter displayed in a case designed for that purpose. Colorado Alpha in her years of history has garnered a considerable quantity of such relics but she can show but a small part of those that have been won. Individuals are loath to part with these mementoes of student days.

Nevertheless Colorado Alpha's collection of trophies is the largest of any chapter of our fraternity as we learn from our traveling secretaries. The accompanying picture of the trophy, moved out into open air for the purpose of securing better light, gives an adequate idea of the case and its contents. As a rushing argument such a trophy case speaks louder than hours of oral argument, particularly with certain types of rushees.



# Is The Fraternity System Justified— A Negative View

Editor's Note: Knowing the writer of the subjoined article to be opposed to college fraternities the editor requested a statement of the case against fraternities and here-with publishes the letter received. The JOURNAL will offer a prize of \$5.00 for the best reply received employing about the same space, such reply to be published in the February issue.

To the Editor of The Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal:

You ask me to write you about fraternities, pro and con. As you know, I am not a fraternity man and you can expect it will be mostly con. But there are a lot of good things about fraternities. You get your meals of plain wholesome food, scientifically prepared and at regular hours. Why, a fellow I know who joined up and was a waiter at the house gained twenty pounds in two months. For which I was very glad as he used to eat occasionally off me.

But next to joining the army there's nothing that will put weight on you like joining a fraternity. Then there's that little matter of sleeping. Of course, I don't know this from the inside but I imagine your bed is all made up for you when you are ready to turn in. I do know that some of them have nice airy sleeping porches and dormitories which is a comfort that I never enjoyed at home. Then again, you don't have to sleep alone and go to a cheerless and lonely bedroom all by yourself. This is a point which all unmarried men should consider. Then there are closets to put your clothes in, which isn't always true on the outside. A lot of these modern fraternity houses are built so it's no trouble at all to take care of your clothes, particularly after you get used to it. You have toilet arrangements, too, which you don't always find elsewhere and there's nothing like a good hot bath to freshen a man up after a hard day's work or a good cold shower to wake him up in the morning. You can shave at your leisure and go out to see your girl looking like a freshly-scraped shoat. You surely do not want to forget this bath point, Mr. Editor, because, as some fellow said, "cleanliness is next to being a letter man." I know some fellows who stay at the Y. M. C. A. where they have showers on every floor and in the basement, but at most places it isn't so easy to keep slick and clean. But even if you didn't have all of these advantages, you might be better off in a fraternity for, as the Bible says, "Better a dinner of herbs where love is than a boiled ox and hatred therewith."

Both of my brothers were Hi Kus. And when I went down to Alaska the Hi Kus rushed me. My oldest brother was a Hi Ku at Parnell and a letter man, for he played varsity football. And when my other brother was at Alaska, of course he joined the Hi Kus. He was not an athlete, nor was he active on the campus, but the Hi Kus took him in anyway. They never regarded him as one of their Goodmen, and I don't think he liked his crowd in the same way that my oldest brother did. But he was always loyal to his

outfit and insisted when I went down to Alaska that I join the Hi Kus. Now I don't know what they were like at Parnell, nor what they had been at Alaska, but I do know that I didn't like the Hi Kus. Like all Gaul they were divided into three parties. There was the football crowd, the fussing crowd, and the liquor-cards boys. Now I played football in high school and I liked the game, but was not timber for the big team. And as to the other groups, I'd sooner punish myself by reading Chaucer any day, then play the game they did. Now don't get the idea there were three watertight compartments in that bunch, for there were not. There was some crossing of lines, but in the main they fell as I say. And I was the stone that didn't fit in, and so I rejected myself. The Hi Kus wanted me in for they figured that a possible P. B. K. would bolster up their scholastic batting average. With two brothers already in, there couldn't be any question that I was eligible.

Now we three brothers are all very different. We don't agree in religion, politics, or clothes. And still the Hi Kus were willing to put their O. K. on me. Which makes pertinent a query as to why they wanted me in. Did they want me because I was like my brothers or because I wasn't? For, naturally, all men have some things in common and some differences. So in picking a man as an associate the question of the degree of difference or of similarity becomes important. Now the elements that made up the Hi Kus were such that I never could have lived in harmony with them. It meant that I would have to cave in, and I chose not to surrender. You hear it said that one thing a fraternity encourages is bringing men together who are unlike. But the reason that they bring them together is to make them alike, and not to foster individuality. They thought that if I ate at the same table, and wore the same pin I would become one of them, just as men wearing a uniform all look alike. But the differences that divide men are deeper than pins or uniforms. And it is these differences which are the most important things in the world. Of course I could have conformed outwardly, but the inward affinities which are the secret of friendship were not there and no amount of lip-service would put them there. We were not kinsmen under the skin, and so we parted. I would sooner be a whole man alone, than an accepted member outwardly and a traitor to those ideas which I regard as important.

So, I was a barb the year of 1916-17. And in the fall of '17 I enlisted. I had found a few kindred spirits among the barbs, and great satisfaction in their companionship. I had a peerless comrade in the outfit that I would suffer much for today. We were men fighting in a great common cause. We were kinsmen in our lives and in our purposes and we lived in melody. As you know, I returned to Alaska in 1921 as a vocational student at Uncle Sam's expense. Again I had the chance to join a frat of the better sort. Again the question arose if it would be best to take the hand of fellowship extended to me. Naturally I needed that friendly society that all men dream of and few realize. For a life without friends is like food without vitamins: it does not nourish; it is thoroughly unsatisfactory.

But was it fellowship they offered me? A general is known by his captains, and men are manifest through the interests they serve. I examined the interests of these lads, and my hope of friendship became ashes. Football and

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dates are tolerable centers about which to cluster the life of a boy, but I had become a man during and after the war, and childish things no longer engrossed my attention. I would not interfere with a childish game of tiddie winks, neither could I find satisfaction in playing the game for days. There is widespread human misery in this land of the free; and it is a man's part to help uproot the causes of that misery. In economics, politics, and religion we are facing mighty issues, and our reaction to those issues determines the making of our own lives and of the unguessable future.

We should find the youth of the land studying those problems, meeting those persistent questions, and aiding in their solution. Due to supporting fabric of labor in general, and to sacrifices of the folks in particular, they have the best chance to find the answer and to establish the kingdom of man in justice. I did not discover frat men to be alert to those questions. They do not realize the role they might and should play in the making of a fairer earth. They are asleep to the stirring unrest of the land; they are buried in the trivialities of the life social as it is lived. So I realized that I could live in a house with these men, but I could not live near the current of their lives. For men are separated by ideas and not by miles.

What the origin of secret fraternities among university men is, I do not know. Nor is it a subject worth a great deal of research. But in Robinson's History appears these remarks, with regard to the school at Bologna in 1142: "Students began to stream to Bologna . . . in order to protect themselves in a town where they were regarded as strangers, they organized themselves into associations, which became so powerful that they were able to force the professors to obey the rules which they laid down." So, it would seem they arose in the darkest period of the world's history. They were outlaws, but they met a need. They stood for self-preservation in a hostile, strange land. In so far they were beneficial to the members, and as to the merits of the rules they laid down for professors, I plead ignorance. But no man of information would say that students need such protection today. The churches and civic organizations of our student towns protest their love of the verdant freshman and the superior senior. And conceding that there is a need for protection from the organized power of the modern merchant, in what way does the fraternity give it? If there is such a reason, the fraternity today fails to meet it. It is an aimless survival. For, as lawyers say, rules and institutions are built on reasons and when the reason fails, the rule fails.

Carlyle has said, "Man, properly speaking, has no other possession but hope." And hope of friendship and love of it is the rootage of fraternities. For all men are seeking it; all men are dreaming that holy dream. But simply because the basis of fraternities is the desire for friendship, does not mean that they accomplish that end. Within the group the membership is constituted by a process of unnatural selection. There are men of brass and of gold and of clay: a motley crew. The points about which they strive to unite are unreal to some, and alien to others. And so discord arises to be patched over with hypocrisy and appeals for loyalty to unmeaning causes.

As to outsiders, the fraternity has adopted toward them an attitude which is very similar to that of the medieval townsmen toward the students. All others are regarded as outside the we-group and the circle of friendship. They

are strangers and so treated. So instead of promoting the general friendship of men the fraternity narrows a man's neighborly relations to those only who know the secret symbols. And the man who relies upon a secret symbol as the tie which binds him to his fellow is outside the secret of the universe. His relationship to other men is not a true and open relationship. For it rests on secrecy and the fortuity of membership in the we-group, rather than on the nature of real friendship and the framework of the universe. Friends should meet and mingle as a creek flows into a river. Where there is need for ritual and darkness, there is uneasiness as to the sincerity of the parties. And, of course, that is the death of friendship.

I hope that you won't take this preaching of mine too seriously. For next to honor, humor is the greatest thing in the world. Moreover, it is certain that the day of special friendship will pass into general kindness, as the theory of special creation succumbed to the work of Darwin. And perhaps some of these things are best left unsaid. I would write you a paper on the proposition that fraternities will die and their evil with them and document it from poetry and psychology. But it takes two to understand a truth. A speaker and a hearer. And for the purpose of such a paper fraternity men are very deaf. So, why cast your pearls before them. We'll let that paper pass, then, into the limbo of things that might have been. For I am not responsible for what they do or fail to do. It will take a long time to leaven the lump.

A fool is impatient for reform but a student taking a long look to the end of the process will know that he must wait. So change in human relations and concomitantly in fraternities will be very gradual. Nor should it be denied that miracles like friendship do happen between the members of fraternities. In much that I have said I have said a bit too much, perhaps. But, then, one must exaggerate in order to tell the truth. Nothing is so misleading as strict conformity to the facts in dealing with a subject of this sort. It is beyond dispute that the average student gets a good deal of satisfaction out of his fraternity membership. If it works well with him he will cleave to it. From another point of view and perhaps a nobler one, the system is not defensible. It is from that point of view, that I have uttered these few adumbrations of my real opinion on the matter. Sincerely. F. H.

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## Recent Greek Letter Installations

Beta Kappa at University of California; Delta Tau Delta at University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky and University of South Dakota; Gamma Phi Beta at the Southern Branch of University of California; Kappa Alpha Theta at Ohio Wesleyan University; Phi Omega Pi at Iowa State College and at DePauw University; Pi Kappa Alpha at Mercer University, Lombard College, University of Alabama and University of Nebraska; Sigma Phi Sigma at University of Wisconsin, Ohio State University and University of Missouri; Theta Chi at State College of Washington and University of Minnesota; Zeta Tau Alpha at University of Missouri, University of Kentucky and Ohio Wesleyan University.

# Extra: All About Father and Son Becoming Brothers

By J. HILLIS MILLER, *Virginia Alpha*

**H**OW can a father and son become brothers—common sons of a single parent? What black magic will permit T. Ryland Sanford, Jr., to address Dr. T. Ryland Sanford, Sr., by the epithet "Brother Sanford"?

Well, the fraternity has done it and *Virginia Alpha* boasts of its first father and son relationship. Not only that, our parent chapter is taking a very justifiable pride in both of these members.



DR. T. RYLAND SANFORD

mond University plays. It has been said that he resembles ex-President Taft and roots like Theodore Roosevelt. He was also a baseball player of note and an accomplished debater.

After leaving Richmond College, as it was then known, Dr. Sanford had the distinction of founding Chatham Training School at Chatham, Virginia, one of the better class secondary schools of that state. From this school, by the way, came his son Ryland.

Dr. Sanford, as I shall distinguish the father from the son, Ryland, became a member of *Virginia Alpha* in 1903. He added to the chapter in those days a great deal of strength by reason of his campus exploits. Football was his specialty and he made for himself, in those days when the game was rough enough for any 100 per cent "he-maner," an enviable record. Incidentally, he has never outgrown his interest in football and he is a frequent rooter on the side lines where Rich-



T. RYLAND SANFORD, JR.

At Chatham Ryland was prominent in athletics, having captained both the football and basketball teams in the same year. Coming to Richmond University he did not have to rely upon the prestige of his father for he demonstrated that he has ample talents of his own. As a freshman he played stellar football as well as basketball and this year is a regular on the Richmond football team.

Upon matriculating in Richmond he was rushed by various fraternities and was bid by two of the leading organizations upon the campus. He could not be interested, however, and elected to follow in the footsteps of his father who is very much his ideal.

In addition to his father being a member of the fraternity Ryland Sanford boasts of having an uncle, Paul Sanford, who is a member of our fraternity and of Virginia Alpha and Virginia Epsilon chapters. A very much Sig Epped family, this, and the peculiar thing is that a father and son as well as an uncle and his nephew merely by virtue of a ritual may hail the other in full propriety as "Brother Sanford."

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## Paul G. Koontz, Grand Marshal, Secures Important Partnership Connection



NEW partnership, not in practice of his profession, but for the enjoyment of cunnibial bliss, was formed on the first day of October by Grand Marshal Paul G. Koontz when the words were said over him and Miss Mildred Knox McBride, a popular Kansas City girl, and the House of Koontz became an established institution in the western Missouri city.

Ordinarily space will not permit of details of like ventures but when a member of the Executive Committee attains to the distinction incident to matrimony it must be mentioned. This is permissible on the theory that the valuable work on behalf of the fraternity done by the Executive Committee member is likely to be augmented as the result of the increased efficiency that comes with matrimony. In this case Koontz has proved himself a tireless worker in the interests of Missouri Alpha and other chapters in the Seventh District—so much so that as a reward he was elevated to the Executive Committee at the Columbus Conclave. Now as a settled, married man think what may be expected from him in the way of effective and consistent work! The JOURNAL serves notice on other members of the Executive Committee to clear the way and leave ample room for the newly energized member to rush by and into the accumulation of fraternity work.

The fraternity as a whole and especially his collaborators will extend to P. G. (as his fellow Missourians affectionally call him) their hearty congratulations and to Mrs. Koontz—Mrs. Grand Marshal, if you please—their sincere good wishes. Long live the House of Koontz is the thought of the multitude of friends P. G. has made throughout the fraternity.

## The Sigma Phi Epsilon Record Is Now Ready



HIS is good news for the hundreds who have long wished to hear the rollicking Sig Ep songs reproduced for the phonograph. Early in September the fraternity entered into an exclusive contract with the Fraternity Record Co., Inc., Plymouth, Ind., which has produced records for Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha Theta and other leading fraternities.

The new Sig Ep record is a double-faced 10-inch record containing what inquiry indicated were the four most popular songs of the fraternity. On one side appears "Memories," by P. H. Lawless, Kansas Alpha, and the "Anthem," by Clifford B. Scott, Nebraska Alpha. The reverse side contains "Sig Ep Girl," also by Clifford B. Scott, and "Sig Ep Sweetheart," by Raymond D. Shannon, Oklahoma Alpha.

The Criterion Quartette, recognized as the best quartette making phonographic recordings, sings all of the numbers with all of the fervor of yore—completely carrying you back to your college days. The Criterion Quartette has recorded for Brunswick, Victor, Gennett, and other big companies, and made a long list of college and university records for the Fraternity Record Co., which confines its output to fraternity and university records, exclusively.

Full orchestra accompaniment is provided the quartette. A dancing number of "Sig Ep Girl" is included on one side with splendid effect. Those who have heard the initial records are enthusiastic about them, and claim they are the peer of any fraternity records heretofore issued.

The records are obtainable direct from the Fraternity Record Co., Plymouth, Ind., at \$2.00 each, postpaid and insured against breakage. Under the contract the fraternity receives a liberal royalty.

Not only should every member have one of these records but every "Sig Ep Girl" ought to be presented with one. The record is a splendid birthday or Christmas gift for any member of the fraternity.



CRITERION QUARTETTE

## J. S. Massenberg, Elected To The Legislature

J. S. Massenberg, North Carolina Delta, has been elected to the North Carolina legislature representing his home county of which Louisburg is the county seat. Massenberg, better known as "Bully," is a great favorite with all three North Carolina chapters, each of which he frequently visits. Fraternity affairs have been one of his chief interests and much of the success of the North Carolina chapters is due to his co-operation and interest.

# Notable Letter of Grayson V. Wray, Virginia Zeta, Comes To Light



Interest to all members of the fraternity will be a letter that has just come to light written by our deceased brother, Grayson V. Wray, Virginia Zeta, while in the navy during the World War, written in contemplation of death.

Beset by the dangers of war and realizing that his passing was not unlikely at any time, he wrote what was evidently intended to be a last message to his parents to be delivered in case of his death. The peculiar eventuality was that he survived the perils of war only to fall a victim of typhoid fever after the conflict was over. This letter was found among his effects just recently and none the less bespeaks the idealism and patriotism that fired this departed brother. The letter is as follows:

"Well, it's all over. I have done my little bit in this great struggle, and God has seen fit to let me die in honor and glory. How could a man meet death in any better way than on top of the sea, under the Stars and Stripes, fighting a hidden, sneaky foe beneath the waves?

"Don't worry and be sad because I have left you for a little while, but be glad and proud that God has so blessed you as to give you a son who was physically fit to help in crushing the Kaiser and his damnable bunch of Germans. I know that you hated to give me up, but I know, too, that you would rather see me die a thousand deaths than to see me alive—a slacker, untrue to you, my country, and my God. This is what I would be if I had not answered the call.

"I wanted to get out long before I did, but they wouldn't send me. I asked to be sent and they refused me. I did get in it though, and I got a chance to help some. I thank God for the opportunity. I am glad that I can end my life in so useful a way.

"You will miss me, I know, but don't let it worry you too much. Remember that there are thousands of mothers and fathers who have given a son, and some several. Think of the people of Italy and England, and of dear France, and immortal Belgium. Think of the mothers and fathers who saw their children murdered by those beasts. Oh, how they have suffered, and how bravely they have endured it all. You must be just as brave. I know you will.

"And now good-bye for a little while; it won't be long.

"With all my love and heart,

"GRAYSON."

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When interviewed at a late hour last night, Mayor Peters remarked, "I have nothing to say." But a persevering reporter called up later and Mrs. Peters answered the phone.—*Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern*.

# Frank L. Benscoter, Fictionist, Tells Of His Adventures In Writing

**Editor's Note:** Frank L. Benscoter, Pennsylvania Epsilon, has been making a specialty of mystery stories and his work may be found in a considerable range of magazines featuring that type of fiction. At the editor's request he has written the following article about his work.

BY FRANK L. BENSCOTER, *Pennsylvania Epsilon*



NOW your subject," one of the old professors at Lehigh used to say to us, and I find it was good advice. I am, at the present, getting to know the subject of writing, studying it from every angle and slant that I am able to discover. With me, the desire to write has always been present, not very insistent, but the desire to see my "John Henry" across the top of some good, bad or indifferent story, has been a constant reminder, and it is only since I have married and settled now from my travels, that I have had time to put my ability to the test. Then, when I had sold some stories, I found "I did not know my subject," hence I am taking time out to study it now.

To write fiction successfully, even drivel and pot-boilers, one must have imagination, lots of it, but there are certain fundamental rules which simply must be observed or it is all time wasted. When you are in the game you must be able to turn out a story, with more snap and zest in it than the other chap, else the editor will buy his story and your child will come back to you.

When I got ready to write and had doped it all out every way, I decided upon detective stories for a starter and got busy. Much to my surprise, the first story I ever wrote, a simple little tale, "Gilligan & Co.", which I sent to "Black Mask" was snapped back at me with a letter. The editor said he liked the story very much but I had made the characters talk like college professors addressing their classes and would I fix it up for him?

I examined the story and Mr. Cody was right. Berry, the chief detective, a regular rough-neck, used some jaw-breaker words, such as "compensate" and good old "ain't" he shunned like poison. I went at it and dug out some slang, studied the conversation and made them all talk like real people and



FRANK L. BENSCOTER  
PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

sent it back and the story stuck. Then I got the hang and sold them some more, so that they made me a regular writer for "Black Mask."

It is the little things that count in the game and I was lucky enough and guess knew enough to study my market. At any rate, I hit a man who was interested enough, to see me through or I might have gone the road that a lot of other aspiring tyros have gone: rejection after rejection with no word of encouragement. Then they slack off and soon quit.

One famed woman authoress sent the *Saturday Evening Post* thirty-six stories before she had an acceptance from them. Another author sent fifty-two stories to them before they took one. They can afford to be "picky" and are, for there are a lot of people trying to write, especially just before Christmas, in hopes of getting some easy money to tide them over the holiday orgy of spending. They generally write Christmas stories, which should be done in July. Needless to say they fail to get their checks.

I often get an idea from a newspaper clipping and turn it over and over in my mind for many weeks until I form a rough idea of the plot. Then I set it down. After that comes the changes and the refining of the original until sometimes it does not look much like the original plot.

I write a story in long hand with a pencil and then having finished it lay it aside for a while to let it season. This seasoning process is what counts. Mistakes crop out after a week and are easily corrected. My perspective at the end of the week of cooling, is much better and I am able to round out a piece of work more quickly and do a better job. It is the best way to cut down rejections to a minimum. But there always will be rejections in writing.

The game has become highly specialized in that each magazine requires a certain kind of story, often written a certain way. It is an art to study the different requirements and then write a story to meet them. I might say it is an exacting process which is not always successful.

I recently had a story which I thought was the exact type for a certain fiction magazine, to which I send and back it came, checked "Not type needed." I sent it back with a small change, in the plot and it came back again checked, "Plenty of this type on hand." You never can tell about some of these editors—all due respects to them. They are, for the most part, gentlemen who have their hands full and are pestered from all sides.

I am not able to do a great deal of writing in my spare time, as I have a regular job to handle every day and must have some time left for a little recreation. I naturally want to make the best class magazines and to do this it is necessary to have something to say and then say it well, all of which take time and lots and lots of hard work. You may sit down and read a chapter in a book which runs about as smooth as silk but then try and write one just as smooth and note the difference. Your chapter will be far different than the book.

I mean to write a novel in the future. I have one in mind at the present but my time is too limited to even start it, so I must be satisfied with short stories for the time being.

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"I hear Reggie's new flame has about flickered out."

"Yes, but he still speaks of her in glowing terms."—*Texas Ranger*.

# Wilfred M. Helms, Phi Beta Kappa and Rhodes Scholarship Possibility

By J. P. SHUTER, *Ohio Epsilon*

To be a member of Phi Beta Kappa and one of two representatives from his college to qualify for a Rhodes Scholarship—these honors at the end of his junior year should be all one senior student should ask. But while these are the accomplishments of Wilfred M. Helms, Ohio Epsilon, he has a string of honors in addition that lead one to inquire how it can be done and at the same time do scholastic work that will bring election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Helms is president of the Student Body, Ohio Wesleyan's democratic mouthpiece of its students; he has for two years been the Ohio Conference champion two-miler as well as champion cross country runner; he has taken an active part in college debates and in Y. M. C. A. work and is a member of all of the honorary fraternities on the campus. He has taken an active part in the work and management of Ohio Wesleyan chapter, even now serving as the "guardian of the ice box."

Wilfred Helms hails from Lima, Ohio, the son of Rev. David F. Helms, district superintendent of the Methodist church. He claims the distinction of not being a "typical minister's son."



WILFRED M. HELMS  
OHIO EPSILON

"Darling," he cried passionately, "I will lay my fortune at your feet."  
"Oh, but you haven't got a large fortune," she whispered.  
"No, but it will look larger beside those tiny feet."  
He won her.—*Emory Toreador*.

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Would Shakespeare understand these?—  
"What skirt you draggin' to the strugle?"  
"That quiz is gonna knock me loose."  
"Takeitfome, Bozo, I certainly shot his whiskers off on 'at test."  
"That guy sendza perpetual gripe thru me."  
"Ize dumb? Well Ishudsaysso—es dead from the ears both ways and in between."  
"At frail flings a hefty line; she knocksemcold!"  
"Talkaboutbein' slung together ,boy, she's gotten!"  
—perhaps not, he never went to college.—*Florida Swamp Angel*.

## Ernest T. Wohlenberg, A Czar In His Own Realm



HAT is the sensation that goes with daily telling noted lawyers and the shrewdest of business men "where they get off at?" Most of us will never know but we can find out from one certain dyed-in-the-wool Sig Ep whose duty it is to do just such things. Ernest T. Wohlenberg, Nebraska Alpha, is this gentleman's name and he passes under the ample title of Valuation Engineer, Timber Section of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department of the United States. And that's that as regards the title.

How come? How does he get that way? Well, that is a story that requires a little telling. It leads us back to the year 1913 when Wohlenberg took his master's degree, following his bachelor's degree the previous year, from the University of Nebraska and started upon a line of work that has led to his present position and the command of a knowledge that speaks its own authority.

Wohlenberg's college study was taken in preparation for forestry work. With his master's degree he set forth for some practical experience—and got it in great profusion. Applying to the government for a job he was accepted and sent—"sentenced" would perhaps be a better word—to do cruising work in various parts of the west. Into the Ozarks of Missouri, into the Rocky Mountain country of Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana and into the Cascades of Oregon and Washington he was sent, first as an assistant and then in charge of timber cruising parties. Into the wildest portions of the United States his work took him and always practically alone, a few companions in the work being the only human beings with whom he came in contact for weeks at a time.

A simple statement it is to say that one explored the timber fastnesses of the country but the actual work bears no like simple implications. Timber cruising is a man's job. It is reminiscent of an early frontier life that is now entirely gone and to a lesser degree holds forth the same adventure, the same thrills and the same experience as confronted the woodcrafters among our ancestors. Summers in the open, rarely under a roof, usually far from any hint of civilization and in the wilds of nature; winters with the same work but insufficient shacks for protection but always the quiet and aloneness of



ERNEST T. WOHLENBERG  
NEBRASKA ALPHA

the forest—these are the conditions in which the timber cruiser lives and they test the metal with which one is made. A few months of it are enough for some; a year or so too much for many.

In Wohlenberg's case he thrived through three years of it. Retiring to the forests he took with him an ample supply of good, profitable reading and the determination to get acquainted with a literature for which the demands of college life had not allowed sufficient time. He entered the forestry service an average graduate; he emerged from his cruising experience three years later a walking encyclopedia of facts and information, to say nothing of being the owner of a new literary appreciation. He acquired the reading habit—from which he has not, and never will, recover. Another bit of profit he took from his cruising experience was a physique hardened by the exactions of three years hard work in the open.

During those three years he undertook and successfully completed some important cruising projects. The most notable was an assignment to check and estimate all the important timber areas in the southwest of the United States. During that year tramping over mountains, valleys, precipitous heights and level spaces, in good days and bad he covered 1,200 miles that led over ten different mountain ranges in Arizona and New Mexico. During all of this work conditions required that he tramp the area covered with a pack on his back containing his entire outfit and that he make his record as he went. In that experience there were not a few hair-raising experiences and many a tight place to get out of—but that is all in the life of a cruiser.

In 1916 the government withdrew him from cruising and placed him in charge of the sale of important timber tracts in the southwest. This work was varied in character although most of it was spent in logging camps. It was in this work that he grew familiar with logging railroads, their construction, operation and appraisal,—experience that was to later stand him in good stead both in this country and abroad.

Then in 1917 war was declared and Wohlenberg immediately enlisted. His work marked him as unusually well qualified for army engineering and he was soon given a commission as second lieutenant and assigned to the 10th Engineers. This unit was one of those to reach France early, which meant a year and a half for him in the war-torn area engaged in the work of building railroads, operating sawmills and logging camps and getting out railroad ties and other materials for use at the front. His previous experience made him a most valuable man and it is not surprising that he was made a captain shortly after arriving in France.

Get things done!—that was the unequivocal demand of the army in those days. There was a job to be done and it was an officer's duty to get it done if he had to do it himself. Getting things done, always without aid, had been Wohlenberg's experience for several years previously—always under adverse conditions and so the new assignments in the army only made him feel the more at home. Except for the seas of mud through which he and his men had to continually plough in their work the experience was not unusual except on a few occasions when their work took them into the range of artillery activity.

In February, 1919, he was officially notified that the war was over and given leave to henceforth be guided only by his conscience. He thereupon

declared a month's vacation which he spent in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his parents and his own Nebraska Alpha chapter, living for the first time in six years a life of ease punctuated with a few social diversions.

Then came an opportunity that took him to the Pacific coast and put him in the employ of a large commercial enterprise engaged in a great deal of foreign shipping. This work led to a promotion in another firm and still again in a third, each venture bringing new responsibilities and new experience.

One day out of Washington came a draft upon him for his services. The Bureau of Internal Revenue had need of a valuation engineer in its timber section—a man who knew the ins and outs of the lumber industry in both its theoretical and practical phases, a man who knew costs and cost accounting as applied to logging and lumber operations, a man who could take the income tax return of a lumber outfit bent upon avoiding the payment of all possible taxes and determine without guess work just what amount it should legitimately pay. Through some channel of the lumber world executives in the department knew of Wohlenberg and his experience and sent an agent to Portland, Oregon, where he was then located, to interest him in the Washington proposition. Seeing the value of the new position in the matter of a fuller experience as well as the contact with the larger figures in the lumbering industry he accepted.

And now for nearly three years he has been located in Washington, D. C., doing daily battle with income tax dodgers who own or operate timber and lumbering enterprises. Sometimes it is an expert accountant representing a firm with whom he has to deal and point out the error of the method employed in arriving at the tax. Again it may be a lawyer, but most frequently it is an executive of a large lumber corporation. And always the story is the same: the company seeks to avoid the payment of the tax calculated by the government. Many thousands of dollars are involved in most of these cases and every wile of trained and skillful practitioners before the department is brought to bear to make it appear that the company has been unjustly treated.

Much of the work, of course, is the audit of returns. Here is where specialized knowledge is required. It is because Wohlenberg knows from actual experience whether or not the operating expenses claimed are reasonable that he is of value to the government. Checking over the deductions and allowances claimed he is able to "smell a mouse" if there is some discrepancy between what is claimed and what good practice reveals to be a fact. From his experience he knows when accounts seem "padded." If they do not seem reasonable an inquiry is set afoot that many times results in saving to the government not simply thousands but tens of thousands of dollars in a single case. Much of human nature is avaricious and the lumbering industry is far from free from those who would indulge in the great American sport of beating the tax collector.

Not only has Wohlenberg's work brought him in contact with some interesting and able persons but it has brought him some tempting offers to abandon the service for the field of private endeavor. Then, too, on one occasion it brought a splendid offer to head the forestry operations of a European government at a salary twice that paid him by the United States, but this he refused, preferring to remain in his native land. Private corporations whose

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executives have come to respect his knowledge of lumbering have bid for his services but the time is not yet ripe, so he has told them, and until he has out of his present work all that is to be had he is not ready to place his services upon the market.

Wohlenberg is one of those courageous souls who has been beset by the wiles of femininity, yet has emerged from them unscathed matrimonially and with both an open heart and mind. While not declaring against the seductive sex neither has he declared for them. Yet his social duties in Washington are exacting. He has an apartment just across the street from the Sig Ep house and always takes dinner with the D. C. Alpha members among whom he is a great favorite. "Cap," they all call him affectionately, born of the time when he came to Washington after the war in the garb of a captain of engineers.

Aside from his social exploits, which in view of his bachelordom are excusable, his only bad habit is his devotion to golf. It is said at the D. C. Alpha house that there is only one worse golf addict around 1810 Connecticut Avenue and he is Wohlenberg's close companion, Don Johnson of that chapter. Wohlenberg is the holder of a trustee's certificate showing him to be a part owner of the Nebraska Alpha chapter house in Lincoln, Nebr., he is a frequent attendant at fraternity meetings of D. C. Alpha, he has an inherent cammeraderie that marks him as true fraternity man. In short, he is, in full measure, a Sig Ep—one of the "than-whomest" you will meet in many a day.

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Harry—I love you—I—

Harriet—Oh, Harry, you don't really love me. You're in love with love.

Harry—There's where you're wrong. I'm in love with loving.—*Colgate Banter*.

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Bob—Gimme a sheet of music paper, will ya?

Bobbin—Whyfore?

Bob—I wanna write my girl a note.—*Ohio Sun Dial*.

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#### ABOUT RIGHT

Customer—I paid 15 cents for that last cigar you sold me, didn't I?

Clerk—Yes, sir.

Customer—Let me have one for about one thousand dollars.—N. Y. Medley.

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Mae—Jack was held up last night by two men.

May—Where?

Mae—All the way home.—*Penn. Punch Bowl*.

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"Picture me," he cried, "in your arms."

And then she framed him.—*Washington Columns*.

# What Kind of Radio Set Shall I Buy?

*An unsolicited symposium of opinions of one Brother E. E. Plummer, Indiana Alpha '21, who has been interested in the radio industry ever since it became known as such, and ten years before. 1912 marks his first experiment with the invisible electromagnetic impulses which still turn men away from their wives and business as the wicked and powerful radiobug bites their souls.*



EALIZING that probably a great many brothers are financially interested in some phase of the radio industry and that a great many others, especially dyed-in-the-wool radiophans, have formed their own conclusive opinions of radio parts and receivers, it is a delicate subject, this, to handle without stepping on someone's toes. But remember, this is purely a personal opinion and has not been passed upon by the Bureau of Standards, A. I. E. E., I. R. E., C. O. D. or P. D. Q. Detroit.

After reading this symposium-buy any set you care to. They are all pretty good and you can't go far wrong. But don't say I led you into this, because I am not leading. I am giving my personal opinions.

I am living in an apartment on the north side of Chicago. There are about ten powerful broadcasting stations in Chicago, and four of these are within one mile of me.

I must get a selective set so that I can tune out the pandemonium about me and reach down to WSB, Atlanta, for some choice philosophy by Lambdin Kay. If my location was not so bad, I might get a three tube regenerative set. But I've tried too many of these.

*No one, perhaps, is in a better position than Evans E. Plummer, Indiana Alpha, to advise Sig Eps or others what kind of a radio set to buy. Brother Plummer has since its inception been the managing editor of RADIO DIGEST, the foremost radio publication of its kind in this country, and possessed of both technical and general information, he can speak authoritatively.*

NOT ONE gave me the result I am seeking. But they would be perfectly satisfactory if I lived in a city boasting but one or two or no broadcasting stations. Proceed.

My landlord doesn't mind aerials. I don't either. Sometimes I use one and other times I don't. In Chicago I need a SHORT aerial (total length including lead-in not over 75 feet) to insure selectivity. If I was in the one, two, or no station town, I'd put up an aerial 35 to 45 feet high and from 150 to 175 feet long, including lead-in.

In the summer-time I like a loop aerial. This means that I have to use a super-heterodyne set to bring in the far away stations. Even then the static is bad. High power stations are a great offset to static in the summer. Take KDKA, WGY, KFKX and KGO for example.

Now let's name a few brands of sets:

The Erla four and five tube reflex set is a good buy for the one-two-no station town. It gives clean, clear reception and is hard to beat. It brings in the distance, too. Outside aerial used with this set or, of course, you can use an indoor aerial—but not a loop.

The Howard, Acmedyne, Malone-Lemmon, Freed Eisemann and Grebe

Synchophase receivers, all of which are of the radio frequency or neutro-dyne type, are splendid for me in my location even, where the air is jammed. They—every one of them—will CUT OUT THE LOCALS and bring in the distance, using a short indoor or outdoor aerial. Loop cannot be used. But the price may be too much. They all cost between \$150 and \$200 without tubes, batteries, loud speaker, phones. Fine for the man who wants to spend the money. The additional accessories will call for the outlay of another \$65 approximately.

Now can't I get a good radio frequency or neutrodyne set, selective and efficient, for less than that?

Yes! The Freshman Masterpiece or Crosley Trirdyn will turn the trick. The former sells for \$60; the latter for \$75, or more, depending on the style of cabinet selected—but the set's the same. Accessories will be needed for either Freshman or Crosley.

Independent manufacturers with a small output often have sets at prices worth considering. Go slow about buying them until proven satisfactory, however.

I have a friend who makes the SIMPLEST and MOST SATISFACTORY super-heterodyne on the market today. Its trade name is "Qualitone" and it lives up to its name. With it I have brought in stations from coast to coast—right when six or seven Chicago stations were at their peak and jamming the air furiously.

He's modest about the price, too, selling the set without accessories for \$200, or equipped with storage A, dry B batteries, seven tubes, loop aerial, loud speaker and phone receivers complete for ONLY \$250. Shop around and beat that bargain.

He also makes a five tube radio frequency set that needs an outside or indoor aerial but that works to perfection. This he sells COMPLETELY equipped with everything you need

for \$200, or without accessories for \$125. The first time I tried the set, I tuned in Los Angeles AT NOON.

After milling over what set to buy, let's get a console so we can put the outfit in the living room without causing a divorce. Just look at the consoles of various kinds. Any period you want. Put the set on top, or in the top compartment in some designs, and have the batteries, charger, and loud speaker below.

Tubes? I don't like UV-199's, WD-11's, WD-12's, or the corresponding Cunninghams. I do like UV-201A's, and for detectors, UV-200's, or any tubes with corresponding characteristics and battery consumption.

Loud speakers? I don't like most of them. I like the Music Master, Atlas Amplitone, Fultone, Nathaniel Baldwin. Most people go after noise rather than quality.

Speaking of combination phonograph-receivers, take a look at the new Brunswick line. For the man with plenty of coupons to clip each month, the Brunswick Radiola super-set combination is about the last word in sets—or phonographs.

Chargers? I like the Rectigon and Tungar best. The Homocharger is all right but it makes a loud buzzing sound I don't agree with. Makes me think of the electric door lock on the apartment building front door.

Now that we've purchased our set and all accessories, how are we going to know when to listen in for all the wonderful things there are to hear? What stations are giving the program by John Phillip Sousa? Isn't President Coolidge to talk tonight?

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# SIG EPICS

SOME YEARS AGO—in 1919, to be exact—Colorado Alpha sent to the Conclave at Indianapolis, Ind., a brother whose exploits made him famous over night, so to speak. Without dwelling upon those exploits it may be said that Walter E. Fisher—better known as Bud Fisher—went to the Conclave unknown and left with a very distinct recollection of him within the memory of all delegates present. And now after a lapse of considerable time he appears for the first time, to the JOURNAL, at least, in the role of secretary of the Federal Farm Loan Bank at Wichita, Kans. And not only that, he has recently joined the Royal and Accepted Order of Benedicts and henceforth will take orders from Mrs. Walter E. Fisher, nee Leona Ferne Kornhaus. Wichita Sig Eps, in Bud Fisher you will find a good brother to whom you may attach in forming an alumni organization in your city.

JOSEPH CAMINERO, Virginia Epsilon, whose home is in his native Havana, Cuba, has undertaken a new outlet for his literary activities in addition to his work on a leading Havana newspaper. He is now the editor of "El Buho," which is a "publicacion mensual para los socios del club universitario"—whatever that means. By skillful guessing we have arrived at the conclusion from the "ano 1, num. 1" appearing on the initial page that the new publication has not long been in existence. It is an eight-page magazine, eight by eleven inches in size of which a portion, probably a third, is in English with the major portion in Spanish. Caminero, the editor, although he studied engineering at Washington and Lee University, has for several years been engaged in newspaper work.

TWO SIG EPS from Massachusetts Alpha spent the summer in a very useful kind of work. It was their privilege, together with four others, to supervise the work of a boys' camp up in the mountains of Vermont known as "Camp Sangamon." One of these Sig Eps, Leone E. Smith, is the owner of the camp and the director of its activities. His chief assistant is Edward Bike, his chapter mate at Massachusetts Agricultural College and freshman coach of athletics at that institution from which he graduated a couple of years ago. Each of the six supervisors are experienced coaches and instructors and it is safe to say that the considerable group of boys that gather at Camp Sangamon each year are being fitted for useful work on varsity athletic teams in later years.

RESEARCH WORK is the present vocation of Merrill W. Seymour, Minnesota Alpha, who is connected with the Eastman Kodak Company at Rochester, N. Y. Following his graduation at the University of Minnesota he migrated east for further work. Electing Princeton he put in a year of graduate work there following which he secured a position in the research laboratories of the Eastman company. His address is 19 Knickerbocker Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

CONSULTING CHEMIST is the legend that greets one on the door of the laboratory recently opened by Harold E. Tiffany, Delaware Alpha, in the city of Wilmington, Delaware. Tiffany makes a new addition to the very considerable number of Sig Eps engaged in professions and business in Wilmington—enough, by the way, to form one of our largest alumni organizations.

ED AND RED are North Carolina State College's cheer leaders this year—"Ed" Rufty and "Red" Clifford, seniors at that college and North Carolina Beta members. Clinord is president of the chapter while Rufty is vice president and the chapter delegate to the Columbus Conclave. The former is a member of the Student Council, a signal honor in his school. In their neat toggery as cheer leaders they make a pleasing appearance and do their stuff with the best approved cheer-leader technique—so testify North Carolina State campus authorities.

IF THE POLITICAL GODS will but smile upon him Joseph Martinez, Colorado Alpha, '24, has an interesting career ahead of him. He is a candidate for the state senate, having received his law degree last spring and being now engaged in the active practice. His six years at the University of Colorado brought him A.B. and LL.B degrees. If elected to the senate he will share honors with Past Grand President Francis J. Knauss, temporary president of that body and a member for the past half dozen years.

JULIAN BURROUGHS, Oregon Alpha, was a close contender for a place on the Olympic fancy diving team in the national tryouts held in Indianapolis, June 6 and 7. As a two-year varsity diver on the Oregon Agricultural College squad he has the ability to appear among any group of divers in the country. At the Olympic tryouts Burroughs placed fourth in the fancy diving event and sixty in the high dive. A hairline decision of one of the four judges kept him from making the trip to Paris as a member of the United States swimming and diving team.

ERNEST V. ABBOTT, graduate from Oregon Alpha in 1922, is taking about all the scholastic honors possible in his quest for knowledge. While in attendance at Oregon Agricultural College he was made a member of the following honorary fraternities, in addition to being a two-year varsity debater: Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Delta Sigma Rho, and Scabbard and Blade. Since graduation he has taken his master's degree in agriculture at Iowa State College and expects to receive his doctor's degree this year. While at Ames he has been elected to Phi Kappa Phi and also to Sigma Xi. Abbott is specializing in soils.

OREGON ALPHA has commenced work upon its new chapter house which is to be completed by the beginning of the next school year, when it will be ready for occupancy. Excavation for the basement is finished and the house will soon be under construction. When completed it will have a maximum capacity of thirty-four men, with two additional guest rooms. Other features of this new fraternity house are a chapter room, sleeping porches on the second and third floors and built-in furniture in all study rooms. The new house is of the southern colonial style and its construction is being financed by the Purdue plan under which Oregon Alpha is operating.

WARREN WILLIAMS, Colorado Beta, who graduated last year, has been retained by the athletic board of Denver University as freshman coach and he has turned out, as the papers say, "the greatest freshman team Denver has had in years." It will be remembered that Williams was an all-Rocky Mountain halfback for three years, played four years of football and captained Denver in his senior year.

THERE IS BUT ONE "EVA," and that one is the "Eva" owned by "Bill" McKelvie and "Hick" Rinard, both of Delaware Alpha. But "Eva" is no prophet—she is very much a deficit and a loss. Nevertheless, "Eva" carried four fraternity brothers of Delaware Alpha to and from Plattsburg this summer, and nobody knows how far she went besides, but the engine never stopped. In fact, she was a devil to start and it was the devil to stop the four wheels and no brakes of that Lizzie.

WILBUR OWEN SYPHERD, Ph.D. of Harvard, author, a member of several literary societies, professor of English at several colleges during summer sessions, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon at Delaware, and head of the English department at the University of Delaware, had his "English Bible," which has been used at several institutions for the past two years, adopted at the Chicago Training School as the text for the Bible course there. Dr. Sypherd has a freshman English course at Delaware that is on a par with the ones at Harvard and Yale.

THEODORE V. BUTTERY, Montana Alpha, who is now attending Princeton University, recently was elected captain of wrestling and is the first member of the class of 1926 at Princeton to become a sports captain. In his freshman year at Princeton he was a member of the freshman football and lacrosse squads and in his sophomore year participated in varsity wrestling. He won first place in the Olympic wrestling tryouts for the Eastern District held in New York City, May 14th, and fourth place in the final tryout held later in Madison Square Garden. He is a member of the Princeton band and Princeton Terrace Club, an eating club taking the place of a fraternity.

A COUNTRY EDITOR—into this rank has graduated Eugene C. Leggett, Nebraska Alpha, now editor of the *Ord Quiz* and who lives at Ord, Nebr. Nothing unusual about editing a country newspaper but the particular paper that Leggett is issuing is unusual in its excellence and size. Published weekly in this town of about two thousand people, it covers the entire county of which Ord is the county seat, which makes possible the twenty pages of each issue. Is typography and make-up would do credit to any city daily and the excellence of its reportorial and editorial work is the equal of any newspaper to be found. The owner of the paper is Leggett's father, but the son is responsible for its present condition.

GREAT FALLS, Montana, is the present location of F. L. Graybill, Arkansas Alpha, who is now engaged in the practice of law, with an office at 403 Ford Building in that city. Graybill, who was initiated back in 1907, has had a rather varied career. Leaving school for a time he returned in time to take his Ph.B. degree from the University of Chicago in 1915 and two years later his J.D. degree. Setting up his practice at Three Rivers, Michigan, the war soon ended that and for the next ten months his time

was devoted to ordnance and infantry tactics from which he emerged with a reserve commission. After taking upon himself a helpmate—a Zeta Tau Alpha girl from James Milliken University—he migrated west, locating at Great Falls where he now has a good law practice. Brother and Mrs. Graybill have one daughter, Judith Ann.

DO YOU KNOW that fifty per cent of the activities at Delaware are controlled by Sigma Phi Epsilons? If you don't believe it, look in the Delaware handbook under the column entitled "Who's Who at Dela." The list includes the three upper class presidents, two athletic captains, president of student organizations, an assistant manager, and the editors of all the college publications.

BOB SULLIVAN and Jim Friederich, Minnesota Alpha, will not be at fault if the homecoming celebration this year is not a success. Michigan battles Minnesota, in the first conference game in the new stadium, to decide who shall possess the little brown jug for the year. Bob and Jim have had several thousand souvenir "little brown jugs" made up, and they will dispose of them before the game. Yes, the jugs are empty.

THE HOOPLE FAMILY, one of the traditions of New York Alpha chapter, continue on their merry way. Clifford, Syracuse, '15, is at present doing free lance work along illustrating lines in New York City. Some of his work finds its way to the cover of "Colliers." Gordon, Syracuse, '15, and Medicine, '19, better known as "Gymp," is taking special medical work in Boston. Ill health of his wife forced him to return from his work in Chungking, West China, where he was the head of the Syracuse-in-China unit. Howard "Tot," '19, is assisting Chick Meehan coach the orange-clad Syracuse football machine. Tot's specialty is the line. The Syracuse forwards this year are considered one of the best lines in the nation. Ross, '22, is at present taking master's work in philosophy in Syracuse. And the youngest of them all, Robert, '26, is making good in studies and activities. He is president of the Kolledj Klan, vice president of the Y. M. C. A., and prominent in soccer and crew circles.

THE ADVERTISING STAFF of the Minnesota Daily will never be in want of good men, as long as the Minnesota Sip Eps stay on the job. Last year Miller was advertising manager, and Friederich and Hague held minor positions on the staff. This year Miller is out of school, but his proteges have been promoted to the respective positions of community advertising manager, and local advertising manager, thus amply filling the gap caused by Miller's departure.

LOUIS J. SERVAIS, Pennsylvania Delta, a wrestling star at the University of Pennsylvania in 1918 has returned to his alma mater to serve as coach of the wrestling squad. Wrestlings at 115 pounds he did valiant work in his undergraduate days, winning the intercollegiate championship for his weight in 1917 and later was victorious in the national championships. Enlisting in 1917 he went overseas for the duration of the war. In 1921 he became an instructor at Penn in geography and industry, at the same time assisting in coaching the wrestling squad. In 1922 he went with the Liquid Carbonic Company of New York during which time he continued wrestling

in the amateur class, capturing the national championship at 118 pounds and won like honors in Canada. At Penn this year he will have six assistants to handle the squad which it is expected will number about 300.

TAKING CONTROL of sports at Minnesota is what Minnesota Alpha men literally have done in holding managements of swimming, track and baseball. Kerr as manager of swimming, Geddes of track and Gray of baseball are Minnesota Alpha's guiders of athletic destiny. Winning a student managementship is no easy task at Minnesota where competition is keen and election represents a great deal of hard work in preparation—much of it none too pleasant. Of the three managers mentioned Kerr has been elected president of the managers' club at Minnesota.

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## Chicago Alumni Chapter Holds First Dance of Winter Season

Immersed in the softly pleasing Spanish atmosphere of the Keedy Studios, the Chicago Alumni Chapter held its first dance and entertainment of the winter season on Friday evening, October 24.

More than thirty-five couples of Sigma Phi Epsilon actives and alumni, wives and sweethearts, enjoyed themselves informally the while they became acquainted with new friends and renewed old friendships.

Shortly after the beginning of the dance, C. H. Freark, Illinois Alpha, '22, who was chairman of the entertainment committee, introduced an enjoyable feature, which though not new, proved a splendid way to mix the crowd and permeate the hall with a spirit of good fellowship. Freark announced that he would act as traffic cop, for the party, and exhibited a whistle as authority. When he whistled once everyone was to join in a circle, the second whistle meant to "grand right and left," and with the third whistle everyone was to dance with the new partner thus acquired. Brother Freark's impartiality in blowing the third whistle proved generally satisfactory and made the circle dance very successful.

H. E. Crain, Indiana Alpha, '22, recently come to Chicago as a civil engineer, in the entertainment act of the evening, proved that even wielders of the transit and level can be prestidigitators of the highest order. "Now you see it, and now—you don't," and you DIDN'T. Brother Crain's act was a scream. "Brethren and Sistern" watched with eagle eyes but were unable to detect flaws in Crain's feats of black magic.

A demonstration by E. E. Plummer, Indiana Alpha, '21, of a seven tube super-heterodyne radio receiving set was successful insofar as the operation of the set was concerned, but Plummer failed to provide sufficient amplification to overcome the tete-a-tetes and shuffling feet of the happy crowd. Plummer threatens to install a public address system at the next dance so that even University of Illinois' cheers for "Red" Grange touch-downing will be unheard in comparison to the racket produced by the radio.

# EXCOGITATIONS of YF ED



Every alumni organization of this fraternity, as well as every active chapter, could, if it would, give to the fraternity something of value in the way of good ideas. There is originality to be had in every organization if it can be encouraged and if, brought to evidence, it were passed on to others the fraternity as a whole would benefit.

A relatively small thing yet a matter that is bringing order out of chaos, so to speak, among Detroit alumni and the members of Michigan Alpha in general has been brought to my attention by our interested brother, John F. Jordan of Detroit. I cannot do better than quote a portion of his interesting letter. Speaking of the work of the Detroit Sig Eps he says, "We expect to publish a new year book and directory of the Detroit Alumni chapter and of Michigan Alpha alumni and actives which will be ready about the middle of November. The year book which we published last fall has proved to be very useful and has been in great demand, not only by the Detroit alumni members, but also by the alumni and actives of Michigan Alpha. At the time we published the book last year we endeavored to have each man's address correct and we have tried to keep a correct notation of any changes in address since that time. I believe I can truthfully say that we can give the correct address of practically every man who is listed in that book at this time. I believe that this is something which would benefit every individual chapter in the fraternity if carried out by them, inasmuch as it gives every man listed in the book a complete address list of all of his associates, thus stimulating the inter-correspondence between members. We also include an additional feature in the year book by listing each member of Michigan Alpha alumni and active, showing his class, degree, department and also the dates on which his notes fall due which he has given to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Building Association. This gives each man a complete record showing what the other fellow is doing by way of taking care of his notes. I think it has served to stimulate the payment of these notes inasmuch as none of the fellows wants to have a showing of past due notes following his name. The booklet has also served as a permanent address record which could always be referred to and relied upon and it has been useful to the members here in Detroit especially."



No elaboration upon that point is necessary to convince anyone of the truth of Jordan's assertions. The Detroit Alumni chapter is a vigorous and cohesive organization, closely related to Michigan Alpha chapter. By some means it has been developed into a close knit unit and we may well believe that the device mentioned above has had considerable effect. At any rate the quality of that chapter has made possible the acquisition of the Michigan Alpha chapter house—the most pretentious and expensive home owned by any chapter within our fraternity.

In passing it may be of interest to note that there is a splendid co-operative spirit existing between the Michigan Alpha actives and their alumni. There are chapters in which this unfortunately is not the case. This condition bespeaks neglect—neglect of relationships that should naturally hold the interest of alumni with actives. At the risk of speaking academically it might be said that chapter strength varies in direct proportion to the quality of relations existing among the chapter alumni and between them and the active chapter.



It is the claim of fraternities that they give to their members a common touch not likely to be otherwise had; that reticent youths whose tendencies are to shrink from contact with people are made ready mixers who can take their places with ease among their fellows and present winning personalities. Possibly not all fraternity men make such a claim, but many do.

I am far from certain that the claim is justified. I am willing to admit that the fraternity offers the facilities for developing personality and if properly used could do much for individuals in this particular line. But all too often the situation is the reverse.

I know of more than one chapter in our fraternity in which I am led to believe that the members are made poorer mixers than they otherwise might be. There is seemingly a spirit of self-satisfaction within the chapter that induces members to choose as their sole associations those within their own chapter. Rather than mingle with the whole student body they follow the easier path of associating with those of their chapter. Others less clannish may have a fairly broad acquaintance but it lacks the intimacy that characterizes the genuine friendship. There is work to be done with this situation in many chapters. The organization must be induced to guide the mixing propclivities of its members. But when it is all said and done the real mixer is he who has come to appreciate the fact that all people are interesting; that each man has something of value in his makeup when you know him and that the "milk of human kindness" is a quality in human nature that has no equal.



Speaking of personality I recently met a brother who gave me something to think about as regards one's attitude toward his fellows. A greater disinterest in the affairs of his friends I have never seen in anyone. What they were doing was not of the slightest concern to him—and this despite his four years of life in the fraternity house in the closest of contact with some of these men whom we discussed.

The question naturally presented itself: what manner of association has this man experienced that has failed to "register" in his affections and interests? Some one or some thing is to blame for his deplorable condition. Is it the man himself or the environment in which he has lived? My conclusion was that both were at fault.

This fellow possibly was one of those "hard eggs" who are but little affected by their environment. Then, too, he may have been the member of

one of these go-as-you-please chapters in which there is a lack of the valuable training a well regulated chapter may supply. In either event this brother—one in a nominal sense only—is not a great credit to his fraternity. And I cannot help but think that the chapter is largely at fault. The well regulated chapter could have given this man a new point of view. It could have served to soften his shell and make of him more of a human being. For the lack of this we must rate that chapter as a failure in its work with that member and it is likely it was so as regards all members of his time.

I wonder how many chapters are doing the same lackadaisical work with and in behalf of their members. I fear there are more than we should like to admit. I do not say that one will often find a man such as the one mentioned above but we can find deficiencies in many men of a character that could have and should have been cured while in college. Let me say again as I have many times said: the work of the fraternity is akin to both the school and the church. It is engaged in the business of producing bigger and better men. When it does not fulfill that function it is a failure and no mere bond of friendship among its members mitigates the tragedy of its failure.



One occasionally reads something that affects him to the extent that he feels a debt of gratitude to the author for formulating a thought in which there is so much of value. I feel somewhat that way toward Irwin Edman, a Columbia University professor of philosophy for his article in a recent issue of *The Century* dealing with the problem of liberal education versus vocational education.

Professor Edman presents the case of an average young man springing from average parentage innoculated, if I may use that term, with the spirit of a liberal education and who, upon his graduation, finds himself a misfit in the world of affairs. His distaste for "Main Street" and Babbitism causes a revolt within him that could, so the author believes, be eliminated by the proper kind of education in college. Espousing the cause of neither classicism nor vocationalism Professor Edman presents a sane analysis of the problem which confronts every college student and every parent of children approaching college age.

The trend toward vocational training is unmistakable. Personally, I believe it has a present impetus that accompanies most fads. That there always will be, and must be, training that will qualify students for their work in earning a living is not to be questioned. On the other hand, there is a corresponding increase in the need for liberal education that shall pave the way for progress and make the democratic experiment a bit less dangerous. It is a question that is going to tax the abilities of college faculties for a considerable time to come and it will in all probability be settled correctly only so soon as supporting alumni of the various institutions in this country are ready and willing to accept the sane course. Alumni bodies are an incubus to many a college. But in turn perhaps it may in justice be said that their college has been an incubus to these alumni—in failing to properly educate them as undergraduates.

At any rate, to the thoughtful member of the fraternity I earnestly commend Professor Edman's article in the October issue of *The Century Magazine* entitled, "Richard Kane Goes to College."



Bit by bit fraternities have weeded out their deficiencies and made of themselves creditable institutions instead of the object of criticism that they were of old—to some extent justifiable. But it is idle for us to assume that we are yet unqualifiedly good. We still have our deficiencies and, in my opinion, it is best to frankly recognize them and correct them. If there be deficiencies that we do not at present appreciate we are benefited by having them pointed out by others whether they be friend or foe. If we must be extremists it is better that we dwell unduly upon our weak points than blind ourselves to them. A Pollyanalike attitude toward remediable ills in this world is so far as I can see unjustifiable.

Acting upon this view I have included in the contents of this issue a criticism of the fraternity system written by a man who was once a pledge of one of the strongest national organizations, but who withdrew his pledge for reasons which are to be found in the article. Aside from a bit of irony at the first it presents a thoughtful objection to fraternities that may well be considered by us as fraternity men. But is there not an answer to this attack? Is the case well stated? I suggest that each chapter bring to bear the talents of its best rhetorician and logician and submit to me a reply of this article. Its author is an undergraduate and they may meet him upon even terms. A small prize is offered for the best defense submitted to the editor before Christmas.



Again I desire to impress upon the chapters that the degree of co-operation accorded me in the work is not such as to permit of the best quality of magazine. Historians are far from complying with requests for material. If the JOURNAL is to be of interest it will be as the result of a volume of news reaching the editor's desk. To a large extent the chapters must put the editor in possession of such news as no amount of imagination on his part can discover it. When we get a volume of fraternity news constantly pouring in we shall improve our official spokesman, the JOURNAL, and not until that time will it be possible

Says

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Edman". The signature is written over a stylized arrow pointing to the right.

# EDITORIALS

An appraisal of the job ahead of one is always of value. Knowing the extent and nature of the task is a first essential in any business enterprise and likewise true, no doubt, of the fraternity.

What is the immediate job ahead of Sigma Phi Epsilon? We should not aimlessly drift. Toward what are we aiming? What are our immediate objectives in the business of building a greater fraternity?

That can perhaps best be determined from two sources. The fraternity being nothing more or less than a rather vast aggregate of individuals it may well be assumed that what will be done will be what our eight thousand odd members want done. In other words, the formulated desires of these many members constitute one source from which we may state our immediate objectives. The second source lies in the Executive Committee and the many other closely allied fraternity workers whose constant study of fraternity affairs brings to light new necessities.

It is a long settled desire on the part of the membership that all chapters be adequately housed in property owned by the fraternity and that may be stated as our first objective because first in point of time. With over half of our chapters in their own homes it now appears that another five years will see virtually all of our chapters living in their own houses.

The next objective is that of placing the control of chapters in the hands of the alumni. Alumni must be interested in their chapters and united in an organization about their chapter that shall not only take charge of fraternity property but shall bring to bear a stimulating and wholesome influence upon the active members. There must be a fixed organization about the chapter if policies are to have any weight. The fraternity may be a valuable or dangerous instrumentality according to the character and conduct of its frequently changing membership and only the fixed organization of alumni about this fluctuating entity can insure it against divergence from the proper course.

The third objective is the work of fitting our graduating members to desirable jobs. Finding work for their graduates is one of the serious problems of all colleges, to say nothing of the fraternity. Our alumni organizations are in position to take up this problem and find a solution. It is of vital importance and will challenge the interest of all members in whom may be found the evidence of true fraternalism: altruism.

Thus we see what is before us. Let all understand it and avoid efforts at a tangent. We shall accomplish these objectives if the thought of all members is turned into the channels of organized alumni action. The place to make the individual voice heard is within the alumni chapter or alumni association for it is upon them that the fraternity is depending.



Every national fraternity is in the course of making history and is in the process of working out its own evolution. A simple statement that may seem —yet it is not infrequently called in question. There are fraternity men—many of them and from all fraternities—who see their fraternity in no other light than as a relatively unchanging institution, fluctuating from year to year to some extent, but showing no appreciable change throughout the succeeding decades of its history.

This view is short sighted. The fraternity system, as is true of most institutions, is undergoing a constant change. It is growing and developing. It is not serving the same purpose that it did a half century ago. Changing conditions have revamped its expressed aims and given it a different character.

Starting with an organization designed simply to satisfy the gregarious instinct and passing to a stage where it was considered to give a certain social prestige, it has come to have a considerably different purpose. The fraternity of today does, no doubt, satisfy the longing for the association of others and does, possibly, give some degree of prestige in being a member of a carefully selected group. But it is much more than that. It has become an instrumentality for developing the best that is in its membership. It is an adjunct of the college with its purpose that of carrying the work of education just a little further than can the college.

Admittedly there are many, many members unaware of this fact. All things are largely taken for granted without inquiry. There are, unfortunately, all too many who see in the fraternity only an advantageous and pleasant headquarters for the four years they are in college. One of our big problems is that of bringing to each member an adequate conception of the ultimate purpose of the fraternity and its place in the educational system. The lesson must be taught in college. It must be the work of chapter administration. But the rationale of the fraternity may be proclaimed daily to each initiate throughout his four years and produce not the slightest effect unless the chapter actually bear out the theory under which it operates. Unless it is in truth serving the best ends of education its solemn declarations to that effect are but a jest. The situation is in the hands of chapter executives, involving a responsibility that challenges the talents of the best of men.

In this issue is carried the announcement of the new Sig Ep phonograph record which by the time this issue of the JOURNAL is in the hands of its readers will be ready for distribution. For a considerable time a song record of the fraternity has been under discussion. It has been planned but until the present not executed largely for the reason that there was a hesitancy about undertaking the guarantee of sales necessary to make the record possible.

Two things may be said of the record now being issued. In the first place it represents a means of building fraternity good will by familiarizing others than ourselves with the songs of the fraternity. These lyrics brimming with fraternity lore, speak their own joyous message in behalf of the fraternity. "A singing army is an unconquerable army," was the cry of war days. We might paraphrase that remark by saying, "A singing fraternity is a worthy fraternity." The art of song has nothing in common with unworthy deeds or ideals. The fraternity song is a symbol of the better thought of the organization and will be so recognized by those who listen to our ideals, our achievements and our aspirations as told in the lyrics and melody of our songs.

Another aspect of the newly issued record is of more practical import. Song records involve expense—and a large expense. The manufacture of any record is costly. The talent used in producing our new record is the best obtainable. To secure the best record the fraternity had to guarantee sufficient sales to make the project possible. It is therefore of the utmost importance that members of the fraternity lend their support by purchasing records and recommending a like course to other members. If the new song records are appreciated, as we feel they will be, the best evidence of that appreciation will lie in urging their purchase so that the fraternity may suffer no loss by the undertaking. Active chapters should make up their orders in a bulk purchase as well as caring for the orders of alumni of their chapter. A little concerted action will insure the success of this, our first song record, and make possible future editions.



# EXCHANGES

## A PROBLEM OF FRATERNITY POLICY\*

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Republics have been called ungrateful.

Can the same be said of college fraternities?

A note sounded at the recent convention seemed to indicate that possibly the unselfish service rendered Beta Theta Pi by some of its officials is not appreciated by a certain portion of Wooglin's devotees.

The feeling was expressed that officials held office too long, that trusteeships and the like are to be viewed as rewards for service and should be given freely and frequently to loyal workers.

In other words the fraternity should, if this idea were carried into effect, change its general offices every three years so as to give all interested Betas a chance at office holding.

May it be said at the outset that the writer advised the General Secretary several weeks before the Mackinac convention that the increasing demands of his professional work made it imperative that he curtail outside activities and that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for re-election as trustee in 1926. Hence the observations herein may be regarded as entirely impersonal.

The question arises—Should election to general office be regarded merely as a reward for past performances? Is the fraternity to adopt the method of a political party?

Are we to take as our slogan, "To the victor belongs the spoils?"

While this viewpoint may not have occurred to those who are sponsoring the present movement, it would seem to the onlooker that such an attitude might be considered to be in the minds of the progenitors. Such a state of affairs is as unthinkable as would be the introduction of political methods, with candidates for office, blocs, etc., into our convention affairs.

When politics come through our portals, fraternalism and brotherly love will fly out of the window. Politics has no more place in a college fraternity than Ku Klux Klanism has in a synagogue. The twain are not miscible.

Let us for a moment view the situation. The position of a general officer is attended with much effort, a labor, let it be heralded abroad, entirely of love. A trustee recently estimated that the average trustee and district chief devoted at least thirty full days out of every year to the exclusive attention of his fraternity duties. Many a man sacrifices his vacation period to the fraternity.

\*From the *Beta Theta Pi*.

And for what? Money? No, for only two men receive any compensation whatsoever and these get mere pittances in comparison to the tremendous service rendered by them.

What then is the *raison d'être* for persuading busy men of affairs to give up at least one-twelfth of their year to a fraternity, their active connection with which may have ceased a quarter of a century or more ago?

Love of service—a belief that such work may redound to the welfare of young men—the desire to aid their younger brothers in attaining a higher plane.

In the very nature of things there can be nothing selfish in such service and he who would render it can only be actuated by the highest motives.

The writer was a District Chief before any of the present generation of active Betas was born. He is still devoting much thought to the fraternity which he loves with a deep and abiding affection.

In all those years, he has yet to learn of a general officer who has ever sought office, or who ever thought such a position should have been his by right of long service.

Throughout the past quarter century, at least, the office has always sought the man.

What type of Beta should hold office? No man can successfully aid in the direction of a fraternity's affairs who has not been eminently successful in the conduct of his own. A fraternity has no place for the man who has been a failure. It looks only to those who have been courted by the goddess of good fortune to direct its destinies.

Beta Theta Pi is not only a great fraternal organization, but it possesses large material wealth. Its chapter houses alone are valued at nearly \$2,000,000. It has chapters in 84 institutions of learning scattered throughout 35 states and one Canadian province.

To properly oversee the management of a body so large, with its component parts so widely diffused, requires the careful thought and attention of men who can adequately and satisfactorily attend to the conduct of such a great business enterprise. The management of this type of organization is very similar to that of a great business with different branches.

How often does a big industrial organization change its executives?

Does a bank elect new officers every three years?

Does the U. S. Steel Co. for example put in new directors every third year because the different stockholders feel that rotation in office is the only way to hold their interest?

If Beta Theta Pi is to continue to make the strides it has in the past, it must adhere to a fixed policy and that policy must be carried out by men familiar with the work. To limit the term of service of any man, trustee or district chief, will be to greatly minimize his effectiveness.

Trustees should serve at least two terms of three years each. The President and General Secretary, if they are to give the fraternity the best service, should have several terms, while the General Treasurer, if he be equal in efficiency to the present incumbent, should serve at least for life.

Comparatively few competent men are willing to give up the time necessary for properly carrying out the duties of a general officer. They must be men in independent positions, that is, they should be in profession or business wherein they are their own masters, for Beta Theta Pi is a jealous mistress and often makes demands upon an officer that one who is an employe would have difficulty in carrying out. Consequently the most capable official will be the man whose time is his own.

Verily, when it comes to the fraternity, many are called and few are chosen, for only those can be chosen who can render the most efficient service.

And now to that necessary and helpful general officer, the District Chief.

Should he be old or young? Some of our most effective chiefs have been over 40, but it seems to be the consensus that as a rule the chief who gets closest to his boys is the man from 5 to 10 years out of college, because he is believed by the undergraduates "to speak their own language."

The writer knows of one man who has served five districts as chief and who, although he confesses to having passed his fourth decade, still speaks a dialect understandable to the average undergraduate. It would seem preferable, however, in choosing a chief to select a younger man, to whom the students can go with their trials and tribulations in the confident belief that they will fall upon understanding ears.

Should chiefs be promoted? Yes, by all means, if on being weighed, the man is not found wanting. Promoted as a reward for service? Not at all. His promotion should come because he has so carefully and completely carried out his work as the head of a district, has so splendidly demonstrated his effectiveness, his capability for greater things and his love of the fraternity that his elevation comes in the mere nature of things. No good Beta can be bribed by promise of office. All good Betas serve for love of Beta Theta Pi.

Some chiefs, excellent though they are in their field of labor, would not make good trustees any more than all good lieutenants and captains would make good major generals. Some men "serve best who stand and wait."

The fraternity should continue its present policy of promoting district chiefs who have the necessary qualifications, not as rewards for service, but solely for the betterment of Beta Theta Pi.

The office is greater than the man.

The fraternity is greater than the office or the man. Every good and loyal Beta will serve the fraternity as a whole. The office and the man are incidental.

The thought has doubtless arisen in the minds of many devoted fraternity men as to what disposition should be made of loyal fraternity workers, who have gone out of office into the obscurity of private life. How can their best thoughts and interests be conserved to Beta Theta Pi?

Japan has a body known as the Elder Statesmen, men who have served the empire faithfully and well, and who are chosen to counsel the ruling bodies.

Why not a Council of Elder Statesmen in Beta Theta Pi—not men necessarily old in years, but in service and devotion to the brotherhood? To such an Advisory Council could be elected for life men whose loyalty to our prin-

ciples has been proven by long service. This body could include tried and true officers and chiefs and perchance great Betas who have long served in the ranks, but who for good reason have held no official position.

The Council should not be honorary; its members should advise and aid the trustees; they should when possible attend conventions and trustee meetings, of course, without vote, and they should ever be ready with their council to assist the men who are carrying out as general officers the dictates of the Convention.

I would limit the ultimate membership of this Council to twenty, not more than one to be elected by the Convention in any one year and in no case should any person be selected for this great honor except as a reward for loyal, unselfish and long continued service to Beta Theta Pi.

Election to this Council should be something for working Betas to look forward to in the sunset years of their fraternity life, an ultima thule.

Some of us who have endeavored to give to Beta Theta Pi thoughtful and useful service feel that if ideas along the lines expressed herein are carried out, the fraternity of our choice will best be served and that each one of us will be able to say unqualifiedly and without equivocation, "I'm glad I'm a Beta."

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#### INTERNATIONAL\*

Irving Bacheller's proposal that Alpha Tau Omega take the lead in making American college fraternities international in scope for the purpose of advancing the cause of universal peace is arousing interest in many directions. Brother Philo M. Buck, dean of the college of arts and sciences at the University of Nebraska, spoke warmly in favor of the idea at the last Conclave of Province III, and Erling H. Lunde of Illinois writes: "Irving Bacheller's plea for crossing the national boundaries and making Alpha Tau Omega an international force for brotherhood between young men of all nations should receive the indorsement of all of us who believe in the great principles of our beloved fraternity. Our greatness and our success will be determined by what our great brotherly affection includes, not by what it excludes."

Here is an idea that deserves thought and discussion on the part of every member of the fraternity. It is bound to be an issue, and that issue ought to be thoroughly understood.

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\*From the *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega.

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#### IN THE MANNER OF SPENCER

A snaky stude was prancyng onne ye floore—  
Ryte smarte he foxy trotted atte ye balle,  
And yn hys armes an nyftyne gynch he bore—  
Bye gadde, she was an lewlew, thatte and more!

—Williams Purple Cow.



# ALUMNI PRANDIAL FESTIVITIES

For the convenience of traveling Sig Eps the dates of alumni luncheons and meetings are given below. All members are cordially welcome to these events.

## CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Friday at 12:15 p. m. in the Dutch Grill of the Hotel LaSalle. Dinners and meetings are third Monday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Anventurers Club, 40 South Clark Street, third floor.

## DENVER ALUMNI CHAPTER

Dinners and meetings the second Tuesday night of each month at the Denver Athletic Club.

## RICHMOND ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Friday 1:00 p. m. Murphy's Hotel.

## DETROIT ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Friday at 12:15 p. m. at Kernahan's in the basement of the Real Estate Exchange Building, Cadillac Square. Meetings second Wednesday of each month at place announced.

## KANSAS CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Wednesday noon at the City Club.

## AKSARBEN ALUMNI CHAPTER OF OMAHA

Dinners and meetings the last Monday of every month at the University Club at 6:30 p. m.

## NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. at Miller's Restaurant, 115 Nassau Street. Meeting the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Interfraternity Club House, 22 East 38th Street, New York City.

## CLEVELAND ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon every Friday at 12:30 at Hotel Statler. Meetings first Monday of each month at Hotel Winton at 8:00 p. m.

## MILWAUKEE ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon at noon on first Friday of each month at the City Club.

## TWIN CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Meets first and third Thursday each month. Tea room of the New England Furniture and Carpet Co., 12:30.

## LINCOLN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dinner and meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p. m. at the Grand Hotel.

## SEATTLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Luncheon every Friday at the Northold Inn at noon. Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at Meeve's Cafe at 6:00 o'clock.

## PORTLAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dinner and meetings on first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p. m., University Club.

## PITTSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Meeting and dinner last Wednesday of each month. Call the secretary to ascertain place.

## DES MOINES ALUMNI CHAPTER

Luncheon and meeting on third Saturday of each month at the Fort Des Moines Hotel.

## PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Luncheon on third Thursday of each month at the Arcadia Cafe.

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# With the ALUMNI



## CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER

THE Chicago Alumni Chapter has started their season's activities and look forward to a very good year. We have held two meetings thus far and have had good attendance. We have thought up several schemes to get the members more interested in the organization and believe we have a solution for this problem.

On Wednesday, October 15th, we entertained at a luncheon Brothers Eastman, Phillips and Hunt, who with our own Brother Dippold, were here for the district meeting. We had a large attendance out for the occasion and all had a good time. The next number on our program is a dance which will be held on Friday, October 24th and this promises to be the biggest and the best the Chicago chapter has ever had. Between dancing we have arranged specialty numbers by some of the brothers that promise to be good. A radio program between dances will be another innovation. We are also working out a scheme for bowling teams and other activities which will be of interest to us and which will bring the brothers out and increase our attendance to a large number.

The new officers for this year are: T. B. McMath, president; C. P. Emery, vice president; F. O. Everett, secretary and treasurer.

We still have our weekly luncheons on Fridays at the LaSalle Hotel in the Dutch Room. Our monthly meetings, while still being held on the third Monday of each month, are no longer held at the Adventurers' Club.

The place of meeting will be announced each month until a permanent place is established. We will be only too glad to have brothers traveling through our city to drop in on us and pay us a visit. We know they would enjoy themselves, and meet a fine group of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

—T. B. McMath.

## DETROIT ALUMNI CHAPTER

WITH the coming of the season of pig-skins, pledges, and the latest in college toggery to the campus of Alma Mater, the alumnus tears himself from his daily "grind" and pauses to commune with the

spirit of the past and betakes himself mentally to those "days of yore which will come no more"—then gathers with those of his "faith" who are sojourning in the same locality and undertakes to unload his choice list of stale stories on the suffering brethren.

Ye secretary, sensing the spirit in the air feels his conscience smite him, and, feeling that too long have the doings of the Detroit Alumni Chapter gone unchronicled, hastens to make amends ere the coming election supplants him for a more energetic scribe.

At the conclusion of the football season of 1923, the Second Annual Stag Football Banquet was given at the Wolverine Hotel. This was attended en masse by the active chapter of Michigan Alpha from Ann Arbor, and, coming as it did on the eve of their departure for their Christmas vacation, was enjoyed without fear of classes on the morrow. The Detroit Alumni Chapter was represented by a goodly number and forty succeeded in scraping together the necessary monetary consideration. To say the party was a "howling" success is but putting it mildly, and after tempting morsels ceased to be longer attractive, the persuasive eloquence of the legal talent which attended was hard put to the task of pacifying the management. Several "budding" orators burst forth in profuse streams of pent-up eloquence and pandemonium reigned supreme. Notable among these orators was Joe Hodgson, whose story of the cow with the long face was especially appreciated. A great future is predicted for this young man, as it is fully believed that anyone who could rise to the occasion and deliver a speech in the face of the howling mob which opposed him is truly remarkable. The break of dawn came all too soon and another Sigma Phi Epsilon gathering passed into history.

The ensuing winter was interspersed with several dances which culminated with the dinner-dance at Eastwood Inn on May 29. This was attended by a goodly gathering and a "good time was had by all." Several of the actives from Ann Arbor succeeded in breaking away from their studies long enough to grace the party

with their presence, which served to add to the pleasures of the evening.

A particularly enjoyable evening was the stag party given for one of our most distinguished "saw-bones," Dr. Jack Pear, in the month of March. Members of the chapter gathered at a given rendezvous, and, at the appointed time, swept down upon the unsuspecting Jack. This worthy gentleman was found snoozing in his chair, and we were advised by his wife that, had further delay been encountered, it would have been a pajama party so far as Jack was concerned. The party being given in honor of our illustrious colleague's birthday, he was presented with a lunch-kit by the brothers.

If the male members of Sigma Phi Epsilon in Detroit have been lax in their social activities, the Sigma Epsilon wives have made up for the lethargy of their better halves and have covered themselves with glory. Several showers have been given, which augurs well for the future of Sigma Phi Epsilon. In fact, at times, they have been forced to "double up" on these showers, and if the same progress is being made in the other alumni chapters, several new chapters will be necessary. Notwithstanding their bi-weekly bridge parties, the women have had to acknowledge the superiority of their hubbys when it comes to handling the cards.

We regret the loss of our good brother Jimmie Newell, who has been called to Syracuse, N. Y., where he has accepted an attractive position with the Solvay Process Company. Our best wishes for success in his new undertaking accompany him, and we congratulate our brothers at Syracuse in having acquired a valuable addition to their ranks.

The second Wednesday in November will see the election of new officers for the coming year, and plans are being made to publish a new year-book and alumni directory in conjunction with the alumni of Michigan Alpha. All brothers who have not made themselves known should be sure to send their names and addresses to the secretary.

In closing, a cordial invitation is extended to all visiting brothers to look us up when in the city. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month and we would be glad to have you with us.

Address all communications to the new secretary, Fred A. Price, 3301 Pingree Ave., Detroit, Michigan, Garfield 1575-J.

#### LINCOLN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEETING from time to time or, in case the members of the organizations do not officially hold a meeting they shoot a little bridge or throw a dance—these diversions serve to hold together the Lincoln Alumni Association.

Nothing exciting has happened so far as the secretary can learn. No one has become especially famous. Of course, such things will occur as William McKinley Holt, of our association and one of Lincoln's rising young lawyers, becoming president of the Young Men's Republican Club of Lincoln and taking part in considerable political fireworks. Bill's job is considered considerable of an honor in this city.

On October 18th the high spot of the season occurred when a reunion of Nebraska Alpha alumni was held at the chapter house. About thirty-five alumni were in to spend the two days of Saturday and Sunday at the house. The active chapter vacated, leaving the alumni in full charge and a large quantity of entertainment was had by the various brothers, many of whom had not seen the others for many years.

The evening was occupied with story telling contests for light, middle and heavyweight entries. Straw votes would indicate that the lightweights failed to qualify while Chap Purney in the middleweight and Fred Dale in the heavyweight events won with ease. The latter was almost disqualified for overstepping the limits of propriety.

At midnight of the 18th the active chapter led the alumni forth for a serenading demonstration before a number of sorority houses. With an orchestra loaded on a truck and a large number of strong throat-ed warblers, considerable peace was destroyed for neighboring sleepers. Breakfast was served to the houseful of alumni the next morning in a state of dishabille and the active chapter returned for dinner that day. All told, it was a much enjoyed reunion.

Lincoln alumni have enjoyed meeting out-state alumni returning not only for the reunion but for the Nebraska-Illinois football game. Incidentally, at the reunion the climax of excitement was Nebraska's overwhelming defeat of Colgate. But the Nebraska-Illinois game was also enjoyable despite the fact that the Illini nosed out a 9 to 6 victory. We expect considerable of a crowd in for the Missouri game November 1st.

—Edgar Merton Campbell.

# CHAPTER NEWS ARTICLES

## DISTRICT No. 1

### VERMONT ALPHA

WHEN we came back to college we were pleased to see that Sigma Phi Epsilon was the athletic fraternity on the hill. The football men were mostly from the house. Of the players we have Garrity at right end, Shaw at tackle, Crowley at fullback, O'Brien at halfback, Worcester at halfback, Peck at center, Andrews at end, Griffis at tackle, Penchoen in the back field and Lewis playing at center as sub. The newly made backfield is all Sig Ep except the quarter, who is a freshman; they are Crowley, Worcester and O'Brien. This heavier backfield should make a good ground gaining combination.

In connection with football we find Manager Ed. Twoohey. Ed, besides managing football, is president of the Skull and Swords, honorary senior society. Working with him as assistant manager is Sergeant MacIntyre.

On the polo squad we have Osgood who is bidding well for a first place on the varsity four. Rook Miner has a permanent position on the sub four.

Captain Fred Streicher is working night and day with his precious rifle team. Last year his team was placed as second in the intercollegiates and nothing but a first place will satisfy him this time.

John Cray is chairman of the political science club with Will Graham as secretary. Cray's democratic platform with Graham's progressive beliefs speaks for a good year for the political science club. Graham is also the junior member of the board of governors of the Outing Club and head of the Trails committee.

As article writers in the Norwich Guidon, the bi-weekly college paper, we find Brothers Temple and Carr, with John Cray and Ed Twoohey as associate editors.

On the board of the 1926 War Whoop, the college year book, are as associate editors, Temple and MacIntyre and as assistant business manager, Osgood. Will Graham is ye art editor.

Lawrence is promising to make good as a high jumper at which he has been practicing since college opened. Temple is assistant manager at the field house.

Penchoen, as president of the house, has presented a silver loving cup to the house as an academic trophy. The name of the brother with the highest academic standing for the semester will be engraved upon it.

Peterson, '24, spent a few days at the house recently. Life insurance business keeps him busy in his spare time.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

ONCE more Dartmouth assails the fraternity rushing problem with a new set of tactics. A new system has been endorsed by the chapters, whereby all organized calling on freshmen is postponed till the end of the football season. During this interval, each fraternity is permitted to hold two receptions for the entering class, after which rushing begins in earnest, culminating in the extension of bids the first week in December. Although these regulations are much more stringent than those of previous seasons, it is felt to be a distinct improvement, since freshman football men are given an opportunity to keep up the scholastic end unmolested by persistent upperclassmen.

New Hampshire Alpha institutes a new rushing organization this year, the design of J. H. Walls, '25. The basis of the system is "personal intimacy," that is, every brother chooses two, or possibly three freshmen, to whom he devotes most of his time and energy. The obvious advantages of such a scheme lies in the fact that every member's co-operation is essential to its success; therefore every man can feel that he has been instrumental in lining up the new delegation, a task which heretofore has rested in the hands of four or five men who really had the interests of the fraternity at heart.

No bit of news has received more whole-hearted enthusiasm than the announcement that Ted Shawn of D. C. Alpha, would arrive in Hanover on October 21 with his troupe of terpsichorean artists, to present a collection of oriental and European dances "under the auspices of the Athletic Council," to quote Ted Geisel. A

formal reception and dance was tendered Miss St. Denis, Ted Shawn and the Denishawn company at the home of New Hampshire Alpha, following their first appearance before a Hanoverian audience. The house was attractively decked interiorly with pine boughs and autumn leaves, tantalizing harmonies about the dance floor, creating an atmosphere of pure enjoyment which the guests and their entertainers were quick to embrace.

R. M. Haywood, '26, deserves special commendation for his voluntary service as chairman of the scholarship committee. This committee was conceived by Haywood with the avowed purpose of raising the scholarship average of the chapter. In brief, the chairman compiles a list of all the active members, together with the courses carried and the professors conducting these courses. Each month he obtains reports from the instructors in regard to the classroom work of the members. Whenever a man is found to be slipping in some course, or needs a little jogging, a brother better versed in the intricacies of the subject is delegated to put the former back on his feet. If a fair trial proves the experiment to be as valuable in practice as it seems to be in theory, a permanent organization will be formed to supplement the work of the chairman.

G. P. Borglum, '26, of Omaha, Nebr., failed to return to Dartmouth this year. At the eleventh hour George gave up the idea of studying the why and wherefore of music, and is at present enrolled in the engineering department of Cornell University. F. A. Brick, '25, likewise has not made an appearance, after spending six weeks in the New Hampshire State University summer school.

Dartmouth Sig Eps take great pleasure in welcoming back to their midst H. S. Bush, '25, who was forced to leave school last year because of a serious injury to his ankle.

B. Lyons, '25, was accorded the honor of election to the presidency of the local chapter of Kappa Phi Kappa, national educational fraternity. This organization has been growing consistently during the last few years, and at present bears an active force in bringing educational problems before members and other undergraduates.

T. S. Geisel, '25, has assumed the duties of editor-in-chief of the *Jack-O'-Lantern*, Dartmouth's comic magazine, to which office he was elected last May. Previous to that time he has served on both the literary and art staffs of the *Jack-O'-Lantern*.

—R. C. Tanzer.

#### MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

MASSACHUSETTS Alpha, with only twenty active members back this fall, made a very promising start by pledging nine freshmen. The brothers exhibited a fine spirit of co-operation by returning to the house several days before college was formally opened. All worked faithfully for the successful completion of a six day rushing season, and each and every one in the chapter feels that his efforts have been well rewarded. Massachusetts has the material for the making of nine good Sig Eps.

Two brothers were unable to return to college this fall and as a result the chapter has a somewhat smaller membership than usual. What is lacking in numbers, however, is fully replaced by spirit. Practically every man in the house can be identified with some campus activities.

Edward Ingraham, '25, is a sub on the varsity football team which, after a two point defeat in its first contest, has won the last three games played and promises to be one of the most successful teams in the history of the institution. Ingraham is also a member of the senate, the student governing body and is treasurer of the senior class. At present he is busy arranging a schedule for the shows to be put on this winter by the "Roister Doisters," of whom he is manager.

Bray, '25, has been one of the outstanding stars in the fall baseball series played at Aggie this year. Ross, '25, Griffin, '27, and a pledge also played this fall.

Connell, '27, as president of the Maroon Key, an honorary sophomore society recently formed for the purpose of entertaining visiting athletic teams, has been doing fine work in bringing about the successful establishment of this society at M. A. C. Griffin, '27, also is a charter member of this society.

Charles Ross, '25, was elected captain of spring track for the coming year. With the company of Bruerton, '26, Foley and Griffin, '27, he expects to make a good showing for Massachusetts Alpha in the interclass meet this fall.

The chapter has two members on the staff of our college humorous magazine, the "Squib." Needham, '26, is advertising manager and Merlini, '27, is on the art department.

Brothers Needham and Tetreault, '26, are singing with the glee club this season.

Last year was a prosperous one for Massachusetts Alpha; the chapter has started well this fall and from present indications bids fair to equal or surpass its success of last year.

—Charles Ross.

## DISTRICT No. 2

## DELAWARE ALPHA

WITH six men playing varsity football, Delaware Alpha is again making a good start for a successful year. Six other brothers are playing on the second team. Captain McKelvie, Kramer, Lohman, Torbert, Weggenmann, and Pedrick are playing with the varsity and Barclay, Baxter, Gibson, Hanson, Neide and Tilghman are playing with the second team. Mark Donohue is assistant manager of football.

McKelvie and Weggenmann are two of the three student Athletic Council representatives. Brother Tilghman, editor-in-chief of the Review has three competent assistants from the house in Rinard, Hanson, and Muhlig. Rinard, who is editor-in-chief of the Blue Hen, has Tilghman, Walker, Hanson and Muhlig on his staff. Lank is on the business staff of the Blue Hen.

Four of the thirteen Derelicts, a senior honorary society, are Sig Eps. They are Rinard, McKelvie, Tilghman and France. Five of the fifteen Druids, the national sophomore society, are from the house. They are Donohue, Lohman, Robbins and Tremaine.

Green, Tremaine, Maxwell and Walker are members of the Footlights Club this year. Green is president of this club, Tremaine is property manager. Walker is one of the nine men who were members of the pioneer group of students to study in France last year under the Foreign Study plan. Green is also cheer leader and drum major in the band.

Paul Skewis, besides being second lieutenant in the R. O. T. C., is president of the Ag club.

Ralph France is a captain in the R. O. T. C., Rinard and Tilghman are first lieutenants; Lank, Green, McKelvie and Skewis are second lieutenants; Green is technical sergeant; Long is a platoon sergeant and Tremaine is bugler.

This year eight Sig Eps are members of the varsity club from last year. They are as follows: McKelvie, vice president; Gibson, secretary and treasurer, and Kramer, France, Torbert, Baxter, Waggenmann, and Lohman.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

THE University of Pennsylvania opened on Monday, September 29, but most of the brothers had returned at least a week previous to this date.

Towards the last of the summer vacation the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter made a few changes on the house. The poolroom, which has heretofore been located on the second floor back, was moved into the basement, thus enabling three more men to move into the house. A side entrance to the new poolroom is under construction and there will also be a washroom and a cloakroom in the basement. Such an improvement is of great benefit to us, to say nothing of the convenience of having more room in the house. We want to sincerely thank our Philadelphia Alumni Chapter for all they have done for us and we want them to feel welcome to come out anytime to meet all the chapter and inspect the house.

Pennsylvania Delta has its usual quota of senior society men—three in number. There is only one fraternity on the campus that has a larger number, so running second is no small account. Elliot Gilroy, who is editor-in-chief of the Punch Bowl, is in the Sphinx senior society; Dagit, advertising manager of the Punch Bowl, is also a member of the same society. Penna. Delta is represented in the Friars senior society by C. Albert Wilson, who has a number of other activities to his credit; he is captain of the water polo team and although active practice has not been started as yet, he asserts that from the material of last year, prospects are bright for a most successful season. Al is also a senior proctor in one of the freshman dormitories.

The call for candidates for the wrestling team has been issued by Coach "Bunny" Servais, who was a brother in Penna. Delta, the intercollegiate champion in the 115 pound class in 1917 and who graduated in 1918. Frank Huff is manager of this year's team and a hard and intensive schedule has been worked out for the men.

John Hiram McKee, our sophomore vice president last year, was, after a strenuous competition, duly elected assistant manager of baseball. Although the schedule is not complete this early in the year, McKee tells us that Pennsylvania is going to have nothing short of a championship team.

## WEST VIRGINIA BETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

Charlie Dagit and Jack Headley are members of the undergraduate council. J. Paul Wilson is secretary of the Wharton association, and Carl Dolmetsch is managing editor of the Penna. Triangle, the engineering school's publication. Jack Headley is also a member of the undergraduate Mask and Wig Club, a dramatic organization. Besides having brothers on the Punch Bowl, Red and Blue, and Class Record boards, we are well represented in the Mask and Wig shows and other campus organizations, such as the Franklin society and Hexagon senior society.

By the rules of the Interfraternity Council there is to be no rushing of freshmen until November.

The loss of five men until February seriously handicaps the comptroller, Charles J. Haller, because we are on the Purdue System of assessments. The assessment is slightly higher than that of last year but the brothers are bearing this extra burden with no grumbling. Brother Haller has been in charge of the dining room and he has given us some very good meals. We owe our thanks to him for his services and efforts to give us the best, considering our financial standing.

Hester, North Carolina Delta, and Shanno, Indiana Alpha, are attending Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and have been out to the house several times. We are very glad to see these men and hope that any other brothers who are in this section or passing through will stop in to see us.

—Milton L. Holland.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ETA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA

FEATURING the opening of the new year for New York Alpha is the splendid spirit of co-operation and brotherhood manifest in the fraternity. Without recourse to the alumni, who own the house, the brothers dug down into their jeans and themselves had the main hall, both down-stairs and up, redecorated at their own expense. In addition, the brothers living in the house redecorated their own rooms, in most cases buying the material and doing all the work themselves. At present, every room in the fraternity house, except the dining room, has been redecorated

within the past two years. Nor is this spirit confined to improving the appearance of the house. It is apparent among the brothers at all times.

For the first time in many years, our football eleven relies on no Sig Eps for its victories. But what is lacking there is made up in other sports. In soccer, Hoople and Grunert are playing regularly. The team is starting a good year, defeating Cornell for the first time in many years in a hard-fought battle.

On the cross-country squad, Middleton and Gottlieb daily finish among the first three. Syracuse has won every meet easily thus far and looks good to repeat its victories in the last two years in the inter-collegiates.

New York Alpha boasts two managers this year, Swanson of soccer, and Commodore Reed of the Orange crews. Hoople is assistant manager of wrestling, and as he is the only one, will automatically become manager next year.

Two captains also hang their hats at the Sig Ep house. Greve and Boughter are captains in basketball and baseball respectively.

New York Alpha is equally well up in non-athletic activities. Lasa Keeler was elected president of the Glee Club at the beginning of the fall semester. Louie Church is cheermaster, despite the gentle riding of the brothers.

In journalistic lines, Kempton is art editor of the Onondagan, the college annual, and on the Daily Orange, New York Alpha has the managing editor and four of the eight assistant associates.

The intensive rushing of the first two weeks is at an end, although the rushing season continues throughout the year.

The friendly interest of the alumni has been repeatedly shown during rushing. Plans for annual alumni round-up after the Colgate game are going rapidly forward and the committee promises a big night in Sig Ep annals, November 22.

—Dow S. Clute.

#### NEW YORK BETA

THE beginning of the fall term finds twenty-eight active members of Sigma Phi Epsilon back on the Hill in pursuit of knowledge and new fields to conquer. The rushing this year was the most competitive for a long time due to the new rules on making dates. No fraternity man could see a freshman for the purpose of making dates until the first day of instruction. No dates could be made at any time before the following Wednesday

noon. Monday morning found the fraternity men out in force waiting for the chimes to strike eight, so that they could get their dates in the next week. The rushing was very strenuous and quite a few houses found themselves out in the cold. Due to our policy of preparedness, New York Beta was not of this number. We have pledged seven good men from the class of '28, and two from '26.

Three of our seniors have been elected to Quill and Dagger, one of the two senior societies on the Hill. They are Harrison L. Goodman, manager of varsity wrestling, Fred R. Dorner, editor-in-chief of the Cornellian, and Mills N. Ripley, manager of the Cornell Masque. Goodman was also elected president of the Intercollegiate Wrestling association at its last meeting in March.

Bob Doty is president of the Ball and Chain Society, while Stow is president of the Senator's club.

New York Beta had a very strong representation on crew last year. Cal Russell and Ed Drew, both of the championship freshman crew, rowed on the varsity last year. This crew came in third at Poughkeepsie and was the first of the eastern colleges who rowed that day. Drew also won his numerals in freshman crew.

Phil Baker was recently elected to the Red Key, the junior honorary society, which welcomes the visiting teams to Ithaca. George Bullwinkle has been a member of the Red Key for the last year. Phil Baker is also a member of the Musical clubs and the Savage club and he is now trying for the Masque. His versatile banjo ought to carry him to great heights.

The three junior members of our winning fraternity relay team, Lee Skinner, Charles Nicholls and Gene Hakanson, are all hard at work training for the track team under Coach Moakley.

Al Chapman and Ray Morse of last year's freshman soccer team are trying out for varsity soccer this year. Soccer is rapidly becoming a popular sport at Cornell, and we wish them all success.

We are very glad to welcome our Dartmouth aggregation back this year strengthened by a new member. Paul Borglum and David Trainer were with us last year and George Borglum, Paul's cousin, is the new recruit. The Borglums' uncle is the sculptor of the famous Confederate War memorial in Georgia. Both the boys are taking engineering here. David Trainer is instructing in geology and studying for his doctor's degree.

New York Beta is always glad to welcome the alumni back. This year quite a

number were back to the Williams game. Among those who were back on October 11, were: Thad. L. Collum, '21; Perry Euchner, '21; John L. Taylor, '19; Wade Duley, '23; Kenneth M. Doty, '19; F. A. Haist, '11, and Bert Luce, '11.

This chapter realizes the need for the active chapter to keep in touch with its alumni, and towards this end we are having an alumni-undergraduate reunion over the week-end of the first, when Columbia is here to play Cornell. Invitations have been sent out and we are planning on a good crowd. We want to show our alumni that they are as much a part of Sigma Phi Epsilon as they ever were, and we are going to try to give them such a good time that they will come back after this without any special invitation from us.

Quite a few alumni have found it hard to leave Cornell and are back occupying themselves in various ways. Albert Blackwood, '23, is instructing in junior mechanical laboratory, Edward McGrath, '23, is instructing in English, Chilson Leonard is secretary of the department of English literature and assistant instructor in physical training. Robert McKinney and Donald Weeks are taking post graduate courses.

#### MICHIGAN ALPHA

**MICHIGAN ALPHA** is now in its twelfth year, and this year it is to be twelve times better than ever before—if that is possible. We have twelve smart pledges to help us make that a fact. Although school started sometime back in September, activities and rushing have been so much in the limelight, that they have, until recently, rather obscured that fact.

Football has been much the topic of conversation, and although Illinois (pardon, I mean Grange) made the last game more of a track meet, we are not down-hearted. Elmer Langguth is on the squad, and he promises different results when he gets in the game. Practically all the boys in the house were at the Illinois game, and we are deeply appreciative of the brotherly hospitality of Illinois Alpha.

Northwestern will come to Ann Arbor November 8th, and we are planning a house dance for that night to celebrate the victory and help console the visitors.

Alvin Tolle and Edward Newhall are on the varsity cheering squad and they are instilling pep and fight in a more than creditable manner.

Milton Kiebler is playing in the band. He is quite the noise.

Bernard Naglevoort has been elected secretary of the junior class in the School

of Business administration. This is the first year that business administration has been a college in itself. Various curricula are offered, and this new school should bring many men to Michigan.

This year we had the opportunity of hearing the Oxford debating team debate the university team. It was an exceptional treat, and many of the brothers have already decided to go to Oxford. These Englishmen have such a delightful accent. Yes, really.

"Tickled to Death" is the name of the Michigan Opera this year, and from all early reports it should be the best musical comedy ever produced here. During Christmas vacation it will tour all through the middle west playing in all the larger cities. Ronald Halgrim is stage manager, and four other brothers from the house

have parts in the choruses and orchestra.

Walter Kleinert entered the law school this year, and is wearing the pledge pin of Delta Theta Phi.

Walter Peca of Pennsylvania Delta and Norman Rearic of Ohio Alpha, realizing importance of attending a real university, have come to Michigan, and Michigan Alpha welcomes them. Good stuff.

Another honor came to the chapter when Harold Cassidy was elected president of the senior class of the architectural school. This isn't the first honor Cassidy has brought to the house. He is a hard worker.

Altogether Michigan Alpha has a splendid outlook for a highly successful year. May the other chapters be likewise so situated.

—H. Bernard Hammill.

### DISTRICT No. 3

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA

ANOTHER year! The one that's past, with its joys and sorrows, with fond memories and perhaps regrets, has joined the ranks of history; and here we are—facing the one that is to come, a year of hopes and anticipations. The slate is clean and we begin again!

The chapter began the year with a running start, having lost only two men by graduation. Brothers Morgan Clayton Harris and Verne Phil Simmons both received their L.L.B.'s last year; Morgan forsaking Washington for Hagerstown, Md., and Verne, although living at the house this year, becoming inactive in the chapter.

Most of the boys left Washington during the summer, and as a result the house only averaged about fourteen men during the three months, but a great deal of credit is due to Brother Kirby Smith, house manager, for keeping things running in fine shape. The chapter had the pleasure of entertaining quite a number of visiting brothers during the summer. Chief among them was Bob Edwards, Traveling Secretary and former D. of C. Alpha man.

Shortly before school began the chapter held a general house cleaning. The hall and living room were freshly papered, the woodwork cleaned, new carpets and curtains were bought for the rooms, and the house "spruced up" generally.

A smoker was held on Thursday, September 25, the day after school began, and another on the 27th, followed by a dance on Wednesday, October 1, and a

smoker the following Saturday night. Quite a number of alumni turned out for the dance. The affair was most enjoyable and goes down as another feather in the cap of Fly, who is again chairman of our social committee.

In the field of student activities the chapter has done very well so far. Johnny Ketcham is out for the football squad and has taken part in several of the games. George Pryor is managing editor of the University Hatchet, the weekly paper, with Allen Coe and Tom Mount as associate editors. Fly was elected president of the local interfraternity council for the coming year; Fly is also a member of the Glee Club, as is Corbin, Claudy and Prevost. Don Johnson was elected president of the senior medical class this year, which makes Don's third consecutive term as class president.

—Thomas K. Mount.

#### VIRGINIA ALPHA

VIRGINIA Alpha started the year with ten old men—old in the sense of experience. These men plunged into rushing season and came out with six promising men, whom they placed on the borderland of a great fraternity.

Must the old men give way to the new? Not so long as they are manager of tennis, assistant manager of football, two members of the varsity basketball squad, a member of the track squad, a member of the tennis squad, and representatives in all the activities of the campus.

The future for Virginia Alpha is bright; we have a great year before us.

—R. M. Usry.

### VIRGINIA DELTA

**W**ITH the return of another school year Virginia Delta has but few of its members to greet, only eight returning out of a chapter roll of twenty last spring. Only two of these were lost by graduation. Those returning were Denton, Ferratt, Cofer, Tollinger, Newman, Billings, Everett and Young. We also have with us Brother Dixon who is a member of the faculty again, as he was last year.

The year looks propitious. We have an abundance of good material to choose from although the interfraternity council restrains all fraternities from pledging until November 21, which bespeaks a long rushing season. The chapter is at it already and we look for a chapter of twenty-five before the end of the year.

Virginia Delta is making a determined effort to acquire its own chapter house, a tentative date being set for September, 1925, at which time it is hoped that title to property may be had. Toward that end dues were continued throughout the summer and turned into the building fund.

Even though but a few have returned to college the chapter is active in athletics. Three men are on the football squad: Cofer, fullback; Newman, tackle, and Ferratt, end. These three will shed their football togs for basketball at the end of the season. All were members of the basketball squad last year. Zallinger is assistant baseball manager.

Scholastically the chapter is doing good work and every one has the study habit.

Among visitors of the chapter recently are numbered the following members of other days: Robert Car, Fay Cline, Barne, Dr. Jennings, Riddick, and Smith of Massachusetts Alpha, and another Smith from Virginia Epsilon. Greetings were also extended the chapter from Russell, who plans to enter Ohio State University after Christmas.

—Lewis B. Young.

### VIRGINIA EPSILON

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### VIRGINIA ZETA

**V**IRGINIA Zeta opened its scholastic year with a strong rush for pledges. With the aid of Brothers Barnes, W. H. Smith, Sam McKee, Jack Howard, Dugger, McGrath, Ames, Amory, Smith, Berry and "Uncle Billy," the local pledged nine men. Although some of them have not shown any special interest in activities, they are trying hard to put Sig Eps on the schol-

astic map and we expect them all to get into some kind of activity as soon as that line presents itself.

The brothers who returned for another year on the campus with Sigma Phi Epsilon are: Richardson, Duncan, Dorey, Pence, Acey, Smith and Jones.

Richardson is our president this year. Other honors that are bestowed upon him are: Membership to the Student Council and censorship of Franklin Literary Society.

Frank Duncan is secretary of the inter-collegiate debate council, besides being quite a debater himself. He is also on the editor's staff of the Yellow Jacket Weekly in the capacity of sports editor.

Donald Dory will probably have no trouble making the debating team this year as he was our star disputer last session. Don is also fighting hard for his football letter this year, having played a part of every game so far at end.

Ralph Pence is our brother from Pasco, Washington. He's a fellow that you can not help like, even though he insists on using cowboy tactics in the east.

Acey is another of our flock who is on the Student Council. He was a member of the "Entertainers" last year, taking part in both the Glee Club concert and minstrel. He fills both of these capacities with the ablest skill. He will be missed when he leaves Virginia Zeta next year.

Jones is back for his second year with the "Krazy Kat Kollegians," the college orchestra. Eddie should make the trips again this year with the "Entertainers" as the orchestra always has a good part on the program.

Virginia Zeta is expecting a banner year and hopes to place a number of men in good offices on the campus this year.

We acknowledge the calls upon the chapter of the following brothers this year:

Shelton Dugger, L. H. McGrath, Frank Joyce, Herman Smith, Coiner, Barnes and C. P. Amory of Virginia Zeta Alumni; Sam McKee, Jack Howard and Royall of Virginia Alpha; Ames of Virginia Epsilon; W. L. Phillips, Grand Secretary; Rodney Berry of Virginia Eta Alumni. We wish that these brothers would make their calls more frequent and also that more of our brothers would call upon us.

—Edgar Jones, Jr.

### VIRGINIA ETA

**T**HIS year, as always, the brothers in

Virginia Eta have shown a fine spirit. Almost every brother is engaging in some sort of college activity. With every one doing his best, there is every reason to

believe that we will have a very successful year. At present Yeatts, Monfort and Philips are showing up well with the Glee Club. Brother Thomas, who made his freshman numerals last year, is showing fine form on the track. Among those who were recently elected to the Engineering Journal board are Yeatts, Beck and Monfort. Holland, Beck and Monfort are representing the fraternity in Theta Tau. Our president, Joe Elgin, has distinguished himself by receiving every honor which can be given to an engineering student. Holland made such an ideal wrestling captain last year that the coach recently made him an assistant. Beck was elected treasurer of the Engineering School last spring. Louthan is a member of the Washington Literary society and is one of the fourteen students who received intermediate honors this year. Goodrich is an active member of Phi Alpha Delta.

The officers for the year 1924-25 are as follows: President, Joseph C. Elgin; vice president, Edward Holland; secretary, Carter T. Louthan; treasurer, Lambeth R. Monfort; historian, F. W. McComas, Jr., guard, Clayton Philips.

It has been our dream at Virginia Eta for many years to build a chapter house which would be worthy of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Up until last year this dream had been very slow to materialize, but within the last year we have made great headway. Every brother has but one idea —a new house for Virginia Eta. It has been and is a hard fight, but we are within sight of our goal. Inside the next year we should be able to have our new home. It is to be a colonial type house with accommodations for at least thirty men. Our lot is in the central fraternity district and is one of the finest at the university.

Excitement is high at Virginia Eta just now because our banquet is scheduled for October 31. Because of the great success of our former banquets, we are all looking forward to the one this year. In the past we have been fortunate enough to have Brother Phillips of the Grand Chapter attend, and as he has promised to attend this year, the banquet should be complete in every respect.

A new innovation at Virginia Eta is the installation of the Sigma Epsilon budget system. We have been using it since the first of the year, and it has proved a

great success. We all wish to recommend it to chapters which have not as yet put it into effect, and say that it is one of the greatest things we have ever put into effect at Virginia Eta.

—F. W. McComas, Jr.

#### NORTH CAROLINA BETA

THE beginning of one of the biggest years in her history lies before North Carolina Beta this fall. Seventeen active members have returned and from the way things have started out it looks like a clean sweep of the best freshmen on the campus for us this year.

We missed two good freshmen last year but we took them in this year as soon as they removed their condition.

Seawell is upholding the glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon on the football field, while Prescott, Diaz, May and Dunn are working hard for basketball honors. Broad-jumping Pridgen will show his ability a little later.

We are well represented in the journalistic world this year by May, Beam and Clifford.

State College only has two cheer leaders and for the last two years both have been from Sigma Phi Epsilon. We are also sending out a couple of undergraduates to take the cloak of Ruffy and Clifford.

Realizing that no chapter is stronger than its alumni, we elected Derane as our alumni secretary and by this we hope to keep in closer touch with our alumni. He will always appreciate a letter from any alumnus.

On the night of October 8, we gave a "feed" in our chapter room and had about thirty freshmen present. With at least a dozen fried chickens and everything else in proportion, it is easy to believe it was an enjoyable occasion.

We have about twenty-five freshmen on our rushing chart and everything points to a banner year for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

—R. D. Beam.

#### NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

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#### NORTH CAROLINA DELTA

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Large Lady (beamingly)—Could I have a seat near the stage, please?

Box Office (surveying)—Why certainly, what row please?

Large Lady (indignantly)—Don't get fresh, young man!—Leigh Burr.

## DISTRICT No. 4

## OHIO ALPHA

NEXT spring the chapter will be twenty years old and the house will be ten years old. Due to the fact of this double-decennial, Ohio Alpha is making special efforts to have every alumnus back at the annual alumni party.

Last year Ohio Alpha had nine regulars on the football squad, but we couldn't do quite so well this year. Capt. Kerchner, who plays at half, is one of the speediest men in the conference. Anspach, formerly a star at St. Johns, Emmett Graybill, at quarterback, Pat Haley on a wing and a pledge in the line are regulars on the team, while Morgan goes in when a quick gain through the line is imperative.

Orton is at the head of the Northwestern Review, college weekly. Haley is president of the Varsity "N," the university athletic association.

Social activities have been somewhat curtailed at Northern by a more stringent set of rules for girls. Consequently Sig Ep affairs are tending more to the stag variety. A highly successful smoker was a feature of the third week of school. Just now we are planning to win two cups offered for the best decorated fraternity house, and for the fraternity with the best stunt at the Varsity "N" frolic on the night of the homecoming game against Cincinnati. Ferdinand Pickens, who is also varsity drum major, is in charge of the Sig Ep stunt.

—M. J. Freeman.

## OHIO EPSILON

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

## OHIO GAMMA

OHIO Gamma has made an excellent start toward another big year by pledging eleven men.

Intramural athletics have started off well. The first soccer contest, in which we met the champions of last year, resulted in a scoreless tie. The opening indoor baseball game was won by Sigma Nu, 13 to 12, after a thrilling game, in which Brother Bill Kaufman proved his worth as a pitcher.

"How dare you come home so late?"

"Why, my dear, it's not anywhere near so late tonight as it was last night at this time."—*California Pelican*.

The spotlight of Ohio Gamma is turned on Johnny Nichols, varsity tackle on the football squad. However, his activities are not confined to football alone, as he is a member of Student Council, Bucket and Dipper, secretary of Varsity "O" Association, and member of the board of directors of the Co-operative Book Store.

Bradley, Kreglow, Boxwell and Schweinsberger are also on the football squad and will no doubt see action before the season is far under way.

Ohio Gamma is holding her own in activities. Bert Porter, following in the footsteps of his brother, is a member of Student Council and Makio staff. Nida is a member of Student Council and is running for senior president in the coming election, as is Gilsdorf for treasurer of the junior class. Carpenter, Newcomer and Porter are out for the Glee Club, and things look promising for Jennis in the Scarlet Mask Club.

Bookwalter of Michigan Alpha and Kling of Ohio Alpha are with us this year, having entered school here.

We entertained our brothers from Ohio Epsilon with a dance, following the Ohio State-Ohio Wesleyan football game, and are looking forward to seeing the entire Michigan Alpha chapter when University of Michigan plays here on November 15. Many of the fellows are already planning their trip to Urbana for the last game of the season with Illinois.

We had the honor of entertaining Brother Eastman, Grand President, and Brother Phillips, Grand Secretary, for dinner one evening, while they were in Columbus on fraternity business.

Under the able leadership of Bachman we have excellent prospects for a successful year.

—E. H. Newcomer.

## INDIANA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

## ILLINOIS ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

## DISTRICT No. 5

## GEORGIA ALPHA

THIS year Sigma Phi Epsilon returns thirty men. Nineteen of these are living in the chapter house. Of the remaining eleven, two have the distinct honor of being lieutenants in the dormitories of the school, while the remainder are town men. Georgia Alpha chapter house has accommodations for twenty-four men and we are looking forward to filling it to capacity in the next thirty days.

Because of the loss of Brothers Nonemacher and Holt our football prospects have been sadly depleted. Both of these men had excellent opportunities to hew out regular berths on the varsity squad for this season. Notwithstanding this loss we are represented on the second varsity by Brothers Barrett and Eager. Barring unforeseen accidents Georgia Alpha should be well represented on the varsity squad next fall.

Graduation ad "Quituation" reaped a heavy toll from out last year's ranks. Don Hartford and Harry Allison, graduates of '24, have gone out into the cruel business world and both are seriously contemplating matrimony. Who the fortunate ladies are we do not know, for both are "Shieks" of the demure type.

Georgia Alpha had a very successful rushing season. Every man to whom a formal bid was offered was pledged. Up to the time of this writing we have pledged eight men. The chapter is highly elated over the character, appearance, and interest shown by their pledges. This is proved by the fact that each one is out for at least three activities. In spite of the traditional timidity of the first year, they are representing the chapter in the various social activities of the college set in a commendable manner.

One of the greatest factors in the advancement of the chapter has been the interest and assistance of the Georgia Alpha Alumni Association. They have never failed to respond to a worthy call from the chapter, whether it be pecuniary or otherwise. By the use of their Packards and Fords we were enabled to make a lasting and favorable impression on the prospects for this year. We are especially grateful to Brothers Jim Whitner and Henry Harris who, through their untiring efforts, have been a great help to the chapter at all times.

The chapter is especially fortunate in having quantity as well as quality of musi-

cal and vocal talent. Thus far nine of the brothers have made the glee club. Al Holder was unanimously elected president.

Several future stars of the legitimate stage are working hard on the Marionettes, the college dramatic club, which is under the able directorship of Harry Ellerbe. Although he graduated last year the school was fortunate enough to secure him as director again, this being the third consecutive year he has served in that capacity.

The journalistic talent of eight of our brothers is being applied to the three school publications, the Blue Print, Yellow Jacket, and Technique.

Frank Whitaker was recently elected secretary and treasurer of the Tech Golf Club.

We are also maintaining our former record of having representatives in practically every honorary society and club on the campus.

Our ranks were increased this year by two brothers from the Auburn chapter, Graham and Goreman. These worthy brothers have entered into the spirit of this chapter with much vigor and enthusiasm.

The chapter was saddened by the recent deaths of the fathers of two of our brothers. Our sympathy goes out to Brothers Tyler and Watson in the hope that it may decrease their sorrow in some degree.

Georgia Alpha has enjoyed entertaining several brothers from distant chapters since the beginning of the fall session.

Charles Foppert from Pennsylvania Delta is a frequent visitor of the chapter.

Mutz of "Oh Henry!" fame paid us a recent visit.

Sycamore Curr is now connected with Allis Chambers Co., here in this city.

Dooley Hulsey, the miniature shiek from Memphis, Tenn., after loafing a year at home decided to return to Tech. and continue to loaf.

The chapter was greatly surprised and pleased at the recent visit of Bob Edwards. His visits are always looked forward to with much interest. At the meeting Bob brought out many points which should be of great benefit to the chapter.

In conclusion, we hope that the other chapters will have as successful a year as Georgia Alpha is expecting.

—Edgar R. Zachary.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA

WHEN the University of Tennessee opened on September 19, sixteen hundred students were enrolled, two hundred more than were ever before on the roll of the institution. Simultaneously with the opening of the university, Tennessee Alpha entered upon another chapter of its history, and with as great an increase proportionately, as that of the university.

With eighteen men returning, and fifteen good pledges, our outlook for the year is bright. Julian Bryant, a freshman in 1922-23, who has been sojourning in Oklahoma for a year, has returned to his studies in the university.

We are ably represented on the football team this year by Brown, Vertreese Vowell and Bob Lavin. Brown is, without a doubt, one of the stellar ends of the south. Vowell is a sophomore, weighs over two hundred pounds and his position at center is unchallenged. Bob Lavin, though light, is one of the fastest men on the squad and is alternating with the regular quarterback.

E. T. Ingram, who was elected manager of the track team for the coming spring, did not return to the fall term, but is expected to enter the second term. Ingram is only a junior and is to be complimented on having acquired the honor of being a varsity manager.

Ben Cantwell and Neil Barton find it hard to give up college life, so they are with us again as post grade. Ben was captain and the pitching ace of the Vol's baseball team last year, while Neil is a prominent member of Delta Sigma Pi.

Leland Hedgescock and Lee Hankal have entered law school at George Washington University. Both received A.B. degrees from Tennessee last year and are members of Phi Alpha Delta.

Tennessee Alpha will be host to its alumni on "home coming day," November 8, which is the day we play Centre College, the great eleven from Kentucky, who conquered Harvard in '21.

Our chapter is sadly bereaved owing to the loss of our fine mascot, a St. Bernard pup. He had won his way into the hearts of everyone on the campus and is sorely missed.

A. Watt Hobt, C. V. Ressler, and Jack Allred have returned as members of the faculty. Hobt has charge of freshman athletics, varsity track, and intramural sports. Ressler is instructor in zoology, and this year he has the assistance of a young lady, Miss Margaret Nugent of Des Moines, Iowa, whom he took unto himself as a wife last February, the wedding taking place at the home of Tennessee Alpha. Jack Allred is again pouring out his wisdom to the toilers of the soil.

Roy Striegle is again coach of athletics at Tennessee Military Institute at Sweetwater, and he pays us frequent visits. This is his second year at T. M. I. Last year his teams made formidable showings, and he expects even better teams this year.

Under the efficient guidance of our alumni supervisor, Fred Wade, our financial status is rising rapidly, and we are now beginning to see hopes of buying ourselves a home at the expiration of our present lease.

At this writing we are enjoying the presence of Gerald Buxton, Iowa Gamma, who is the congenial salesman of L. G. Balfour Co. Gerald has been with us about a week, and is reluctant to depart from our fernes sole and balmy clime.

—L. B. Bewley.

## ALABAMA ALPHA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

## DISTRICT No. 6

## IOWA ALPHA

IT seems customary in the first news letter of the year to the JOURNAL to say that the chapter is facing the brightest prospects for the coming year in its history. We are glad to say that such a statement is necessary this year if the truth is to be told. One of the outstanding elements contributing towards the making of the most successful year in the history of Iowa Alpha is the beautiful and commodious house purchased last May. Early in October the chapter staged a successful house warming

despite the prevailing unfavorable weather condition. This strengthened our relationships with old friends, and netted us many new ones.

The biggest factor contributing to the success of a fraternity is the men comprising the organization. The active chapter has twenty-three real men who are all active in various college affairs. A glance at the last issue of the JOURNAL shows that Iowa Alpha men are prominent in campus activities. The chapter has pledged seventeen men who are rapidly making their

way to the forefront in college life, and are bringing many new honors and victories for Iowa Alpha.

The annual Hallowe'en party given by the pledges and held at the chapter house on the evening of October 27, proved to be a great success and undoubtedly will long be remembered as the outstanding social function held in Wesleyan this fall. All were well impressed with the ability of our pledges to entertain.

A good spirit of true brotherhood prevails among the men of Iowa Alpha. A fraternity supper is held once a month which serves to unite the men more firmly together in the bonds of Sigma Phi Epsilon. In short, "Fine is the word."

—Herman U. Smith.

#### IOWA BETA

WITH the return of eleven brothers to the Sig Ep hut this year and this number augmented by the addition of a faculty member in the house and the initiation of two old pledges bring the total paddle swinging eligibility list up to fourteen, school started off auspiciously enough for the Iowa State chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Ames enrolled a student body this year numbering close to 4,000, of which 2,600 are male. The addition of several new girls' dormitories was necessary to take care of the increase in home economics students.

A great new central library is rapidly nearing completion and according to present plans will be ready for occupancy shortly after the Christmas holidays. An addition to the college hospital is almost ready to be used now and several smaller buildings have arisen since last year to take care of the rapidly increasing needs of Iowa State.

Iowa State has secured fifteen freshmen pledges which, together with two old returning pledges, bring the total Sig Ep material available up to fifteen men.

Homecoming came rather early this year, November 18, and quite a few of the older men were back for their annual get-together. A crowd of 15,000 people was present at the football game with Missouri and although somewhat disappointed at the outcome, which went to Missouri 7 to 0, every alumnus could not help but feel that the score did not indicate the true relative merits of the two teams. It was somewhat of a consolation, however, to the Sig Eps to receive the trophy cup awarded to the best decorated fraternity.

The Iowa State cross-country team is

being led by our brother, Captain McIntyre, who last year won the Missouri Valley classic in record time. Ames has enjoyed the unique distinction of holding the Missouri Valley championship in this event for the past consecutive ten years, and according to present harrier dope this will be increased by another victory as the season ages. Brother Houtz is also a member of the squad.

In interfraternity playground baseball, the latest addition to the intramural calendar, Iowa Beta, is showing her heels to the field with five scalps at her waist and yet to suffer a defeat. No other fraternity has won all of its games and although predictions are poor policy as a rule, still, another cup over the mantel is not entirely a hazy mental dream, but very near an established fact!

—A. W. Houtz.

#### IOWA GAMMA

Chapter News Article Delinquent.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA

THE opening of the school year found Minnesota Alpha a bit short-handed, as far as men in the house were concerned. The new ruling that there shall be no pledging of first quarter freshmen at Minnesota takes away, temporarily, our main source of supply. But with the opening of the winter quarter we expect to launch an extensive rushing campaign, which will bring our personnel back to where it should be.

Athletic prospects for the year are exceedingly bright. Clapp, Mason and Snider are fighting for positions on the varsity football team; Don McLaughlin captains the cross-country team and Gray and Geddes are the student managers of baseball and track. The house basketball team, which went into the semi-finals last year, will try to go a step further this season. Our championship baseball team will be practically intact. In tennis, bowling and hockey we will again be strong contenders.

Minnesota Alpha stepped to the fore in scholastics last year, and we will try to keep up the good work this year. The task will be a hard one, since many of our honor students have graduated, so woe unto any brother who turns in a low grade.

Jim Friederich is once more on the advertising staff of the Minnesota Daily. Miller, last year's advertising manager, has now left school, but Friederich is making rapid strides towards filling his old position.

The annual alumni-active banquet will be held October 31, at the New Nicollet hotel. Fred Richardson will act as toastmaster. The house-building issue will again be discussed and we will know for certain whether our new house will be available by next year or whether we will spend another year in our present home. The selection of October 31 for the banquet is a good one, since November 1 is Homecoming. The alumni will now have to make only one trip, and they will be here long enough for a real "get-together." The Homecoming dance is at the Oak Grove hotel, and, as ever, it will be a real Sig Ep party.

—Winston A. Close.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA

WISCONSIN Alpha started out the year with the return of twenty-two actives. Due to the splendid co-operation of all brothers, fifteen of the most outstanding men on Lawrence campus were pledged during the recent rushing season. The new pledges are actively engaged in the various extra-curricula activities about the campus with two men on the regular freshman football squad, three men on the "Lawrentian" staff, four men on the college band, seven men on the temporarily selected glee club, and four men who are out for the freshmen basketball squad. One of the pledges was recently elected president of the freshman class.

Edie Packard, Lester Bayer and Walter Cole are on the varsity football squad. Packard is holding down the tackle position and Bayer and Cole are playing on the end positions. In cross-country running Snyder, McCallen, Collinge, and Tuttle are showing their wares.

In journalism three men are taking an active part. Merle McCallen is on the business staff of the "Lawrentian" and Russell Hunting and Richard Nelson are on the editorial staff.

All three applicants to the Rhoades scholarship from Lawrence are Sig Eps. Collinge and Snyder and a pledge will make strong bids for the coveted award of representing the state of Wisconsin as a Rhoades scholar at Oxford University, England. Keevil Larson, '22, won the Rhodes scholarship in 1922 but has returned to his home at Neenah for a year's leave of absence due to sickness which overtook him while in England. Larson will return to England next year to finish his third year's work at Oxford.

Saturday night has been set aside as Sig Ep social night. Informal dances,

stag, theatre, and out-of-door parties are included in the social program for "Sig Ep" night.

Visits by Don Purdy, '24, of the Michigan Alpha chapter and William Shubert of the Wisconsin Beta chapter have been enjoyed by all the fellows.

—Russell Hunting.

#### WISCONSIN BETA

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#### NEBRASKA ALPHA

WITH the progress of the new year, Nebraska Alpha is vieing for honors on the Nebraska campus, and of course getting a share.

The advent of the school year found two brothers from neighbor chapters registered in U. of N. Price Dickson traveled all the way from Arkansas to acquire some Nebraska knowledge after having collected four years of Arkansas intelligence accompanied by a sheepskin. Dickson is doing his master's degree work in horticulture. Paul Woolwine affiliates with our chapter after having successfully negotiated two years at K. U. with Kansas Gamma. He is beginning, as he says, "To become a naturalized Cornhusker."

Since the freshmen are the "futures" of the chapter it is in order at this time to blow a little, if it be permissible. At present six are regulars on the freshman football squad; several are out for track and several are entering themselves in constructive activities. To give a detailed discussion of each would require too much room so we'll drop their case and let them speak for themselves by producing.

At the freshman law elections our past president, Don Elliott, was elected vice president with Ernest Raun, sergeant-at-arms.

Rudolph Nuss won a scholarship in the law college which he is taking advantage of this year. Nuss ranged fifth in his class last year.

Gail Ford got his taste at varsity football in the Colgate game. Everett Crites and Archie Hecht are also bidding strong for the team and the coveter "N."

At the Commercial Club election the Sig Eps placed first with two wins: W. K. Swanson was elected president and Wendell Cameron sergeant-at-arms.

Lambert Folda was elected to Alpha Kappa Psi, honorary commerce fraternity; Donald Sampson was elected to Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity, and Roland Well-

man was elected to Pi Epsilon Pi, the pep organization.

Donovan Bryant is now exercising his skill as a cartoonist on the *Nebraska State Journal* here in Lincoln. He is also going to school.

Donald Elliott is athletic director of the State Reformatory in addition to his freshman law work.

Nebraska Alpha won the homecoming house decoration prize here in competition with the other thirty Nebraska fraternities

Robert Russell finally left school and is now athletic coach at York college.

W. J. Wohlenberg, now a professor at Yale and past president of Sigma Tau, was a welcome alumni visitor at the house a short time ago.

Saturday night, October 18, we put on another of the traditional serenades.

The fall party is to be held at the K. C. hall on Saturday evening, November 8. Welcome.

Russell Hill is back in school after having made a Chautauqua tour this past summer.

Woolwine and Chambers are our representatives in the glee club this year.

Bill Holt of the alumni, is president of the Young Men's Republican club of Lincoln.

August Wideman has been appointed editor of the junior section of the Cornhusker.

Donovan Bryant was elected president of Nebraska Alpha because of the fact the previous president was lost by graduation.

Wendell Cameron is laboring diligently with a student managership of football in view.

Quite a number are planning on going to Lawrence, Kansas, for the football game on October 25.

The fraternity house is usually surrounded now with a galaxy of old Fords which the boys have collected for use in competition with ten-cent street car fare.

Lambert Folda is the only brother to be lost by graduation the first semester.

Cleo Rumsey is carrying the insignia of captain of an R. O. T. C. company.

—W. K. Swanson.

## DISTRICT No. 7

### KANSAS ALPHA

KANSAS Alpha has thirty-five members this year, seventeen having returned from last year. With the pledging of Prof. Davidson the actives are out-numbered by one, but that does not worry us.

Martin saved the day in the historic Baker-Ottawa game by a forty-eight yard drop-kick in the last quarter, the only score of the game. In connection with this, it might be in order to say that Ottawa has never beaten Baker, and this feat kept the record clean. On the Baker basketball quintet it is probable that there will be Dalton and Martin. Dalton is the captain this year and Martin was the only freshman to make a letter last year. In track we will have two letter men from last year, Martin, pole vault and hurdles, and Victor Klotz, pole vault.

We have five members on the glee club: Clarence F. Lawless, Klotz, Coleman, Russell Baldwin, and a pledge. There are also five Sig Eps in the band and orchestra: Lawless, Merrill Wood, and three pledges. We have hopes of a good Sig Ep orchestra this year.

Martin is president of the sophomore class and Klotz is the representative to the Student Commission from the student body

at large. He is chapter president and comptroller.

Don Partridge is practically the official sign painter of the town, and does all the poster work for our campaigns. Harry German, a junior, is president of the pledges. Professor Wayne Davidson, a new member of the faculty this year in the journalism department, is already one of the most popular professors in school. Being quite young, we thought it would be better to have him wear a pledge pin for a while and become a regular member, rather than be initiated as an honorary member. He appreciates the honor and proudly wears his pledge pin. "Prof." had only been in town three weeks when Cupid got in his fatal blow and he "settled down" to married life with Veva Malin, a charming little Pi Phi from Drury College at Springfield, Missouri.

—Clarence F. Lawless.

### MISOURI ALPHA

MISSOURI Alpha started off the school year successfully. Nineteen of the older brothers returned to school and we were fortunate in securing twenty-three good pledges.

The Sig Eps at Missouri were accused of having men in every activity in school from student president to the rum scandal. Part of this is true in that we are represented in most of the various student activities on the campus. Bill Shumate is president of the student body this year, a significant fact in that the Sig Eps were the first organization to run a candidate for this office in recent years.

Clyde Smith, captain of the football team in 1923, is one of the few Tigers who is sure of a steady place on the team this year. Doss Richerson, also a football letter man, is playing a good game this year. Two pledges are playing freshman football. Stanley Vallet is a member of the cross-country team and Tom Donahoe, a two letter man in track, is getting in shape for the indoor season.

We gave two dinner parties for our pledges recently, and are planning a big Hallowe'en party.

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#### KANSAS GAMMA

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#### ARKANSAS ALPHA

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#### OKLAHOMA ALPHA

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### DISTRICT No. 8

#### COLORADO BETA

FOR the first six weeks of school Colorado Beta was without a home and the men were scattered around the campus like so many grains of seed, each trying to grow for Sigma Phi Epsilon, and at last after much bartering and argumentation we landed the prize of the campus in the way of houses. It is in an ideal situation for everything and is also lovely to look upon, especially after looking at the four walls of our boarding house rooms for six weeks. Despite our handicap on the house proposition we entertained at various hotels, etc., and the result of rushing were very satisfactory.

Most of our active men are back this year and since our house problem is solved for a while we can turn our initiative to the internal workings of the chapter.

Denver has played three games of football so far this year and Miller and McPherson are doing their work on the varsity this year in fine style.

Our basketball team is having three workouts a week and we have five men working on that, including one of the pledges who was all-state forward last year.

Taken all in all Colorado has nothing to kick about at the present and the chapter is due to make great strides in fraternity work on the campus of Denver university.

—Robt. B. Faerber.

#### COLORADO GAMMA

ONCE again the fall term has begun, and with it comes the various activities to start the year. The activity which holds the interest of college students during the fall term in football. Colorado Gamma has three men who are out for football, two of which are playing on the varsity eleven. Frank Reid, halfback on the all-Sig Ep team last year is playing stellar ball for the varsity this year. Hubert Winkoff and Llewellyn Toyne, Sig Eps on the team last year, are working hard to earn places on the varsity this year. Winkoff is a running mate for Reid, in the backfield, while Toyne is working for the end position.

With the opening of the fall term, Colorado Gamma was fortunate in having twenty-three men to begin the pledging campaign. During the next two weeks of school, seventeen men of Sig Ep calibre were pledged. Out of the pledges five are out for freshman football.

Colorado Gamma held its tenth annual pledge dance, on October 11. The hall was beautifully decorated and to the tune of Whitney and Blackburn's Sig Ep orchestra everyone present had a good time.

In the pep club, known as the "Howling Sixty," Colorado Gamma is well represented. The following mentioned are members of that organization: Leslie Bean, Walter Oakes, Harold Collins, Cecil Gunson, Ray Watson, Dana Roten, Dick Warner, George Kelly and Keith Johnson.

Frank Reid, besides playing halfback on the varsity eleven, is a member of the

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Cadet Social Club, which has charge of all the cadet dances, sponsored by the college throughout the year.

Lindsey Wingfield is a member of the stock judging team, president of Alpha Zeta, honorary agriculture fraternity and also holds the 135-pound conference boxing championship for 1924.

George Kelly from Cripple Creek has been elected as freshman representative to the student council.

George Anderson, who has played four years of varsity football, wrestled four years and captained the last two years of wrestling, is coaching the industrious freshman football team. This makes the second year Anderson has coached the freshman team.

#### COLORADO DELTA

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### DISTRICT No. 9

#### WASHINGTON ALPHA

**WASHINGTON** Alpha opened house this fall with sixteen members and two pledges. At the end of rushing season, besides the members and old pledges, there were seventeen good men wearing the crown and star on their coat lapels.

Only two pledges were initiated at the beginning of this semester as they were the only ones of the four pledged last semester who returned to school. For the first time in two years Washington Alpha is enjoying music from a real house orchestra consisting of piano, violin, saxophone, clarinet and drums.

The fellows in the house have been very active in campus affairs in the last year, many of them holding important positions on the campus.

Walter Horan is the editor of the Evergreen, the college news publication, besides being on the booster committee. Durrwachter is captain of the varsity track team and John Glann is the vice president of the junior class.

Six Sig Eps are out for varsity football. Ed Ahsklog, a veteran from last year, is playing regular left guard, Crow of the team of '22 is playing regular center, Young is alternating at right guard, Keller at end, Dixon at left half, John Glann at quarter.

On the freshman squad, Archie Davenport and Dutch Henry are holding down tackle and halfback positions.

—Stan Young.

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#### MONTANA ALPHA

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#### OREGON ALPHA

**WITH** the opening of the fall term of 1924-25 Oregon Alpha is on the way to a successful year for herself and Oregon Agricultural College. Practically all the active men are back in the harness this year and prospects are looking mighty good. The house is well balanced although the junior class has more members than any other the first term of the year.

A new system of freshman registration was inaugurated on the campus this year requiring all new men to be present for a week previous to registration and pledging. This plan gave us an excellent opportunity to look over the prospects and as a result we have a list of eight fine pledges. Among these men are representatives on the freshman football and basketball squads. Several are certain of numerals in freshman track and two others are promising musicians.

Homecoming is the big event on our calendar at present and will take place the week-end of November 22. One of the main features for returning grads will be the discussion of our new chapter house which is under construction at the present time. Under the efficient direction of the building committee consisting of Alumni Harold Robinson and Lloyd Gregg and President Landes of the active chapter, we are assured that this new venture will be a success. The selected house plan has been approved by a majority of alumni and active members and will give us a fine home when completed.

The annual clash with the University of Oregon at this time looks like a certain victory for the Aggies who are working under a new coach, Paul J. Schissler. Roscoe Paine is a regular member of the first squad and is making good in the guard position. We are looking forward to a house full of alumni for this celebration and can promise a good time for any Sig Ep.

Interfraternity cross-country and basketball are under way and our athletes are holding their own with others on the campus. We are placed at third among the national fraternities in the cross-country run which extends over a period of several weeks. Our basket-tossers can be depended upon to win their share of the games even though we have some stiff competition. Our first match is with the Alpha Tau Omega's who are credited with having a fast heavy team.

Fred Ervast, California Alpha, is registered in civil engineering this term, and a pledge from Colorado Gamma is another new man on the campus.

Several alumni from Oregon Alpha and other chapters have visited the house this fall, but we expect the largest group of alumni and active members for the big homecoming celebration.

R. D. Baldwin, Jr.

## DISTRICT No. 10

### CALIFORNIA ALPHA Chapter News Article Delinquent.

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"Here! What do you mean by feeding that kid yeast cakes?"

"Oh, he just swallowed fifty cents of mine and I'm trying to raise the dough.  
—Wisconsin Octopus.

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The main difference between a girl chewing her gum and a cow chewing her cud is that the cow generally looks thoughtful.—Williams *Purple Cow*.

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"I see that a San Francisco man has invented a new musical instrument which is a combination of the saxophone and trombone."

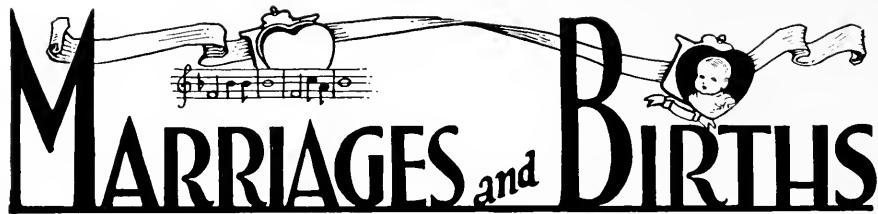
"H'm. Have the police caught him yet?"—Goblin.

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"Thish match won't light."

"Washa madda with it?"

"I dunno,—it lit all right a minute ago."—Dartmouth *Jack o' Lantern*.



# MARRIAGES and BIRTHS

## MARRIAGES

Allen Llewellyn Omohundro, Pennsylvania Delta, to Evelyn Wasson.

Roy John Hayes, New Hampshire Alpha, '23, to Marion White.

C. V. Ressler, Tennessee Alpha, to Margaret Nugent.

William Yetter, Colorado Gamma, to Elizabeth Molten.

Jack Matheson, Colorado Gamma, to Virginia Hughes.

Oscar Herigstad, Colorado Gamma, to Vernice Krimmel.

Herbert Schaffer, Colorado Gamma, to Helma Stevenson.

Walker Smith, Colorado Gamma, to Virginia King.

Alfred Muhme, Colorado Gamma, to Glenna Matthews.

Franklin C. Cappon, Michigan Alpha, to Henrietta B. Van Putten. At home in Decorah, Iowa.

Dr. James Brayshaw, Delaware Alpha, to Laura Rodney.

William Bronghall, Delaware Alpha, to Helen Bastian Tilghman.

Howard Young, Delaware Alpha, to Marjorie Slocomb.

Garrett Hanby, Delaware Alpha, to Margaret Riggs.

Laurence L. Peterson, Minnesota Alpha, '25, to Helen May Messenger.

Dr. Oscar D. Nelson, Minnesota Alpha, '21, to Lillie Lovera Korsbrek. At home in Wheaton, Minnesota.

Dr. Donald Thomas Dawson, Minnesota Alpha, '22, to Helen Tilly. At home in Ortonville, Minnesota.

G. Eric Sachers, New York Beta, to Wilhelmina Otey Walker.

Paul Guthrie Koontz, Missouri Alpha, to Mildred Knox. At home at 8 East 57th Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

Walter E. Fisher, Colorado Alpha, to Leona Ferne Kornhaus. At home in Wichita, Kansas.

John Thomas Miles, Virginia Eta, to Evelyn Bird Queen.

H. C. Butcher, Iowa Beta, to Ruth Barton, Pi Beta Phi. At home at 7679 Rogers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

E. H. Bodley, Iowa Beta, to Bertha W. Haller. At home in Hobson, Montana.

Harold B. Eckey, Iowa Beta, to Margaret Mather, Kappa Alpha Theta. At home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Yewell Melvin Hodges, Virginia Alpha, to Ellis Foster.

August Howard Ziegler, New Hampshire Alpha, to Loretta Beatty.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Dolmetsch, Pennsylvania Delta, a son, Carl, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ewing P. Pyeatt, Iowa Beta, a son, Wayne Woodruff.

To Mr. and Mrs. John G. McGehee, Tennessee Alpha, a daughter, Betty.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris A. Vornell, Tennessee Alpha, a son, Morris, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pfeifler, Michigan Alpha, a son, Burdette Cecil.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bennett, Nebraska Alpha, a daughter, Jean Frances.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Axthelm, Iowa Beta, a son, Robert Edward.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Regan Mills, Jr., Virginia Alpha, a daughter, Martha.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ross Johnson, D. D. Alpha, a daughter, Jacqueline Simone.

To Mr. and Mrs. John William Townsend, D. C. Alpha, a son, John, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren J. Hunnicutt, Virginia Zeta and D. C. Alpha, a son, Warren, Jr.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Julian Owens, D. C. Alpha, a daughter, Mary Kennedy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rodney C. Berry, Virginia Eta, a daughter, Mary Lee

To Mr. and Mrs. Jean M. Boardman, D. C. Alpha, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Richardson, Minnesota Alpha, a son.

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Tuesday evening.  
R. R. Summers, President.

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Monday evening.  
Stanley J. Fairweather, President.

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F. P. Huff, President.

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D. E. Denton, President.

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Friday evening.  
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Saturday evening.  
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Thursday evening.  
W. A. Richardson, President.

**GEORGIA ALPHA**, District 5—Georgia School of Tech., 524 Spring St., Atlanta, Georgia.

Friday evening.  
A. O. Holder, President.

**DELaware ALPHA**, District 2—University of Delaware, Newark, Del. Box B.

Wednesday evening.  
Paul R. Rinard, President.

**VIRGINIA ETA**, District 3—University of Virginia, 1252 Westland St., Charlottesville, Va.

Sunday afternoon.  
Joe Elgin, President.

**ARKANSAS ALPHA**, District 7—University of Arkansas, 213 Church St., Fayetteville, Ark.

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Day Hancock, President.

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Monday evening.  
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H. M. Elder, President.

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Thursday evening.  
Victor A. Klotz, President.

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D. K. Bryant, President.

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Thursday evening.  
G. L. Anderson, President.

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**IOWA BETA**, District 6—Iowa State College, 407 Welch Ave., Ames, Iowa.

Monday evening.

P. James Hatch, President.

**IOWA GAMMA**, District 6—State University of Iowa, 20 S. Lucas St., Iowa City, Iowa.

Monday evening.

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Monday evening.

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Monday evening.

D. L. McCaw, President.

**KANSAS BETA**, District 7—Kansas Agricultural College, 221 N. Delaware, Manhattan, Kan.

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